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STRANGE RESPITE IN AIR BLITZKRIEG

Italian Generals Killed In Air Crash

Two Italian generals were killed on Saturday when the military plane carrying members of the Italian armistice commission which had been negotiating with France, crashed at Bareacque, in the province of Piedmont, it was revealed in Rome yesterday.

They were General Pietro Pinno, General of the Air Force, and General Pellegini.

The plane was flying from Rome to Turin at the time of the crash, the cause of which has not yet been established.—Reuter.

Much Speculation In London

THE STRANGE LULL in German air activity over Britain since Friday night has intrigued British observers. Three reasons are advanced, all speculative, but one or more may have some basis in fact.

Not a little exhausted by four months of continuous day and night raiding over the Channel, Germany may be conserving the strength of her air force for a dramatic new blow against Britain here or in another theatre of war.

Two other reasons find more immediate favour, however. Probably inter-related, they are the R.A.F.'s eight-hour hammering of Luftwaffe bases in occupied territory on Friday night, and weather conditions on the Continent.

It is the first time that the main weight of the R.A.F.'s night blitz has been directed against aerodromes from which the Luftwaffe raids London, and more recently, English ports and industrial towns.

In the past these have been attacked only when British bomber crews have been unable to locate their primary targets.

Severe Cold

The daring with which the new

offensive was carried out may have combined with poor visibility near the ground and severe cold at high levels to "ground" the Luftwaffe on Saturday night for the first time since August 7.

German crews returning from the latest raid on Bristol were faced with the perilous task of landing on flare paths heavily plastered with high explosive bombs.

It is reasonably certain there were crashes and casualties.

Smashing Attack

Reports of another smashing R.A.F. attack on Saturday night on Nazi industrial targets—and raids on more enemy aerodromes—were read in London yesterday as the capital debated whether it would experience its third successive night without bombs after the black-out.

Up to noon yesterday only one German reconnaissance plane was sighted.—Reuter.

LONGEST ALL-CLEAR BROKEN

Hardly before dusk had clouded the outlines of London the alert last evening broke the longest all-clear spell—two whole days and one night—the citizens of the capital had experienced since the start of the German air blitz on August 7.

One enemy fighter-bomber was shot down into the Channel early yesterday afternoon.

This was announced in the briefest Air Ministry communiqué to date, which added: "Otherwise there is nothing to report."

The skies over Britain have been permanently clear of enemy aircraft since Friday night's attack on Bristol—and the R.A.F.'s hammering the same night of Luftwaffe bases in occupied territory.—Reuter.

DUSSELDORF BLASTED

PRELIMINARY REPORTS OF THE R.A.F. RAID ON DUSSELDORF ON SATURDAY NIGHT SHOW IT WAS AS HEAVY AND DESTRUCTIVE AS THE ATTACK ON THE CITY LAST WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

Visibility was good and pilots had no difficulty in recognising the targets—blast furnaces, steel works, gas works, railway yards and the inland port.

MORE SHIPS FOR 'FRENCH FREE NAVY

More warships will shortly be put into commission for the Free French Navy, it was stated in London yesterday.

These and a number of destroyers, torpedo-boats, submarines, minelayers, minesweepers and patrol boats were inspected by General de Gaulle in naval bases in England.

General de Gaulle also visited a training ship used as the naval academy of the Free French Fleet where future officers are trained.

General de Gaulle congratulated Vice-Admiral Muselier, Commander-in-Chief of the Free French Navy, on the work already done and the good spirit shown by officers and crew.—Reuter.

Roofs caved in under the weight of bombs and explosions tore walls of several steel works wide open.

One experienced crew said "the largest fires they had ever seen" were blazing.

One of Wednesday's targets included an armaments factory.

Ports Battered

Meanwhile details of the R.A.F.'s raid on the French Atlantic ports of Brest and Lorient on Saturday night, when the Luftwaffe was "grounded" for the first time since the opening of the blitz, were issued in London last night.

Brest underwent the most severe battering so far.

At the outset fires were started around the naval school and there followed a vast explosion at the power station.

Like A Forge

One observer described the scene as like a huge blacksmith's forge from which rose showers of what looked like hot metal mingled with debris of shattered buildings.

Incendiaries and high explosives fell on infantry and naval barracks and buildings in Belgium.—Reuter.

WHOLESALE PEIPING ARRESTS

The Japanese authorities in Peiping have arrested a large number of persons during a week's house to house search for the murderer of a Japanese colonel last Friday.

Among those arrested, according to Chinese reports, are some policemen stated to have been actually present at the time of the murder.

Questioned why they did not attempt to capture the assassin, the police replied they were armed and could not do anything.

They are reported to have been severely beaten by the Japanese, and some are said to have died from injuries.

Chinese Mutiny

Other Chinese quarters ascribe the unrelaxed restrictions on leaving the city and the continued house to house searches to the hunt for Chinese soldiers who mutinied last week.

Some of these men are believed to have taken refuge within the city.—Reuter.

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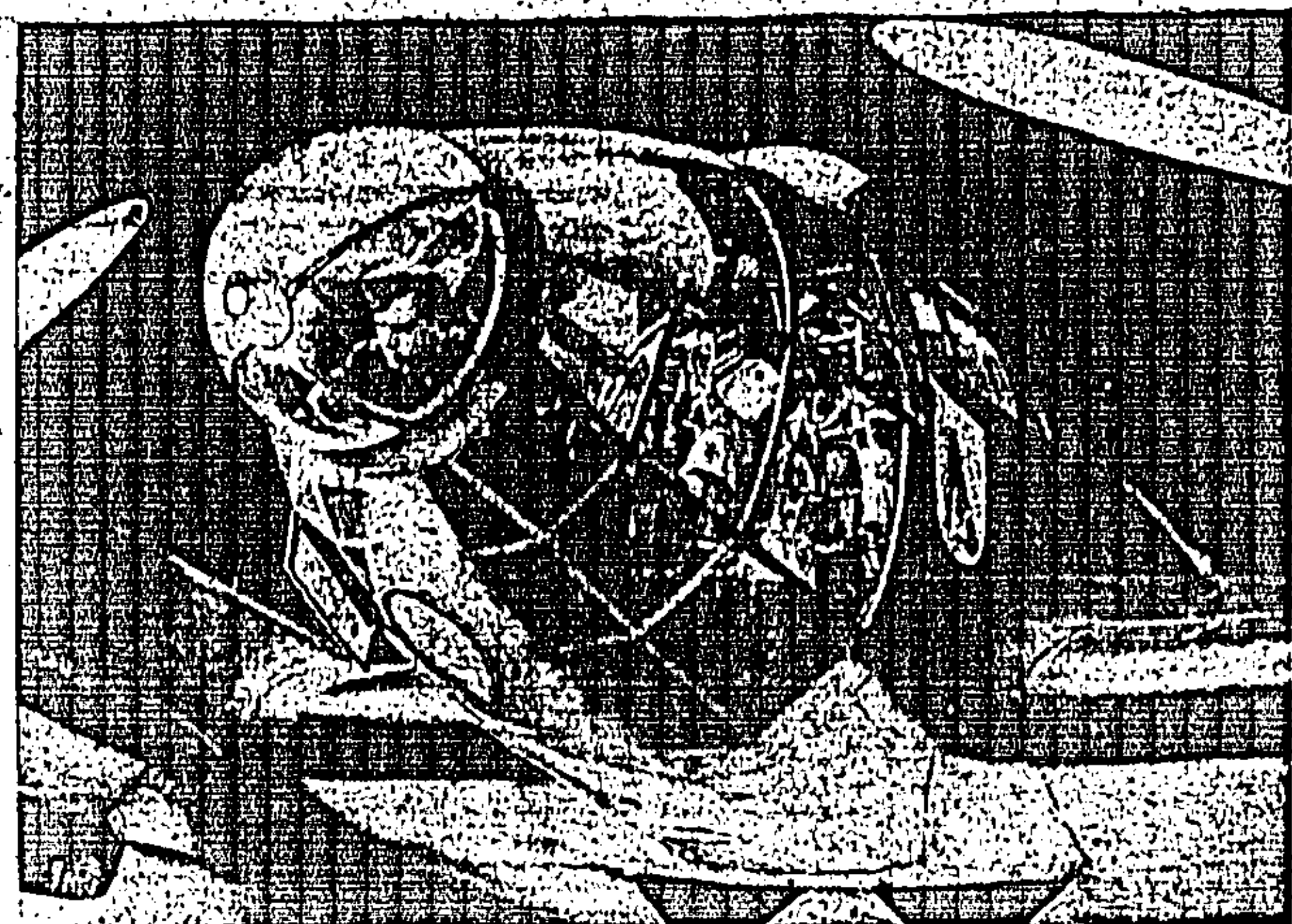
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Mussolini's Re-Shuffle Of Highest Army And Navy Chiefs

Admiral Cavagnari The Scapegoat For Taranto

Admiral Cavagnari, Chief of the Italian Navy Staff, "resigned at his own request" on the same pattern as Marshal Badoglio, Chief of the General Staff of the Italian armed forces, and General Mario de Vecchi, Governor of the Dodecanese Islands.



R.A.F. Mechanics examining the pilot's control in the nose of a German raider—a Heinkel III brought down complete in England. (Copyright, Fox).

FIFTH IN FOUR WEEKS

Admiral Cavagnari, who was relieved from his posts of Chief of Naval Staff and Under-Secretary of State for Navy at his own request, is the fifth important man Mussolini has lost in four weeks.

His resignation shows that dissatisfaction at Mussolini's conduct of the war is widespread in the Italian High Command, in the Navy as well as the Army.

The resignations which have followed on the heels of each other in the past three days have caused

This dramatic sequel to Italy's setbacks in the campaign against Greece was first reported from Berlin yesterday and was confirmed from Rome later in the day, a few hours before it was officially confirmed from Athens that Greek forces had occupied Argirokastron, important base in south Albania, left blazing by the retreating Italians.

By Royal Decree, Admiral Arturo Riccardi has been appointed Chief of the Naval Staff and Under-Secretary of State for the Navy, both of which posts Admiral Cavagnari held.

widespread comment in the Press of the world, were they are unanimously taken as a sign of serious discontent with the campaign.

It is considered obvious that their resignations are intended to show that they feel that Mussolini bears full responsibility.

There is widespread speculation as to who will be the next to go — Reuters.

Admiral Inigo Campioni, it was also announced, has become Vice-Chief of Naval Staff, and Admiral Angelo Jachino, Commander of the fleet at sea.

Admiral Campioni's predecessor is not named, but a few months ago this post was held by Admiral Somigli.

This reshuffle of naval appointments, may presage, writes, Reuters' diplomatic correspondent, greater activity on the part of the Italian fleet—or at least the promise of it by Mussolini to his ally, Hitler.

A Scapegoat

No doubt Admiral Cavagnari is being used as a scapegoat for the Taranto episode, as the others who resigned were used for the Italian failure in Greece.

Admiral Cavagnari is a good Fascist and a good administrator rather than a good sailor.

It is reported he thought almost as much of the education of his sailors in Fascist doctrine as of their education in seamanship. "To victory" was the keynote of the Order of the Day and a separate message to Mussolini of the new Chief of General Staff, General Cavallero, who assumed command yesterday.

The Gay Cavallero

General Cavallero promised that all efforts would be devoted to realisation of this supreme object.

Il Duce himself has sent, it is announced from Rome, "a cordial signed letter" to Admiral Cavagnari, in which he expressed his appreciation of the Admiral's collaboration and his seven years' work for the development of Italian naval power.

In the past few days, says Reuters' diplomatic correspondent, there has been a reshuffle in Italian Service chiefs which can only be taken in Italy as dissatisfaction as to the course of the war on the part of Mussolini.—Reuters.

General Cavallero's Order Of The Day

On taking over his post as Chief of General Staff of the Italian Army yesterday, General Cavallero issued an Order of the Day to the General Staffs of the Army, Navy, Air Force and militia.

In the Order he states: "We all wish to devote our energies to attaining the highest goal victory."

General Cavallero sends his "warmest regards" to the General Staff of the Army.—Reuters.

FRENCH PHILOSOPHER WANTS NO FAVOUR

Henri Bergson, the famous French philosopher, has refused exemption from the provisions of the French Jewish Statute to which he is entitled, on the grounds that he "rendered exceptional service in the literary sphere" according to a Vichy message to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency yesterday.

He will thus be obliged to resign his professorship at the College de France, which is the highest station in French university life.—Reuters.

HIS WIFE'S DOCTOR TO PAY £750

A doctor, cited as co-respondent in a divorce suit brought by a friend whose wife the doctor had attended, was ordered to pay £750 damages in the Divorce Court.

The suit was brought by Mr. William George Watson, tax collector, of Wandsworth, Tooting, S.W. He was granted a decree nisi on the ground of the adultery of his wife, Mrs. Gwendda Margaret Watson, with Dr. James Leslie Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson were married at St. Paul's Church, Newbridge, Mon., in June, 1937, and lived at Newport. A child was born last August.

Mrs. Watson and Dr. Hill did not deny adultery, but the doctor contested the claim for damages. It was stated that he had sold his practice.

Mr. Justice Hodson said Mr. Watson was twenty-seven at the time of the marriage, and his wife twenty-five.

Happy Marriage

He had no doubt the marriage was a happy one, nor was there any reason to think it would not have continued but for the intervention of the co-respondent.

Mr. Watson earned about £4 5s. a week, and the doctor, who attended his wife at her confinement, was no doubt in a superior financial position.

Dr. Hill, who was a much older man, was also visiting the Watsons' house as a friend, continued the Judge, and had the advantage of his professional position as he could be in and out of the house at all times without arousing suspicion.

For a long time Mr. Watson had no suspicions, but when they were aroused they were allayed by his wife and the doctor, when challenged, denying that there had been adultery.

Last autumn promises were given by the wife and Dr. Hill that they would have no more to do with each other.

However, a few days later, she went away with the co-respondent and they lived as man and wife at an hotel at Gloucester.

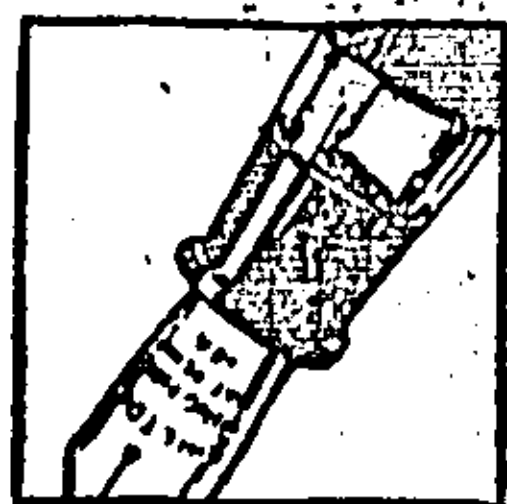
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Costs were awarded against Dr. Hill.

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GREEKS CELEBRATE VICTORY

Streets Of Athens Beflagged, Marching Crowds

Weight Of Attack Now Directed Against Elbasan

THE VICTORY OF Argyrokastron was celebrated with tremendous enthusiasm throughout Greece last night following confirmation of its occupation in a Greek communique earlier in the evening.

Flags were hung out in all Greek towns, and in the streets of Athens huge crowds cheered the King and General Metaxas and marched, singing the National Anthem, to General Headquarters.

In answer to the crowd's shouts the King appeared on the balcony, followed by General Metaxas.

The hooters of all ships in Athens harbour mingled with the ringing of church bells, and British soldiers marched through the streets arm in arm, to be greeted everywhere with enthusiastic cheers from the crowd.

General Metaxas has sent a message of congratulation to the Greek High Command.

Elbasan Battle

While Athens was rejoicing over the "second Koritz" the Greek army at the front was keeping up pressure on all fronts.

Reports from the Yugoslav frontier state that the battle for Elbasan was resumed early yesterday morning with undiminished violence.

A gale and snowstorm are sweeping the mountain ranges where fighting is taking place.

Greek forces advancing north of Podgradetz are beyond Udine and are progressing in the direction of a line on the shores of Lake Okhrida.

Their aim is to reach the road which passes through the Skumbia Valley and leads to Elbasan.

Passes Deep In Snow

Great difficulty is being experienced in feeding guns on the mountain peaks as at many points the passes are deep in snow.

Italian deserters who crossed into Yugoslavia are said to speak of the drooping spirits of the Italian troops, in contrast to the buoyance of the Greeks.—Reuter.

HOUSE HIT —BABY SAFE

A mother and her baby, who was born in an air raid were unhurt when the house in which they were was damaged in a raid on a north Midlands town.

Some houses were damaged, and a few almost demolished. Canaries and goldfish were found uninjured in several of the damaged houses.

There were very few casualties—none fatal.

No damage was caused when twelve bombs were dropped in a rural area in the Midlands during the night. One fell near a cottage occupied by an elderly couple, who were unaware of it until they were told.

In a north-west city three children asleep in bed were showered with flying glass and debris when a bomb hit houses opposite, but they slept on. Their mother had to shake them awake to get them into a shelter.

Three houses were demolished by the bomb, and Mr. S. Wareham

CAPTURE OF ARGYROKASTRON — OFFICIAL

It was officially announced in Athens yesterday that the Greeks have occupied Argyrokastron, says a Reuter message received this morning.

CASTEL BENITO NAPPING

A heavy R.A.F. bombing attack on Castel Benito, a town in Tripoli, was described in a special R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo last night.

The communique states many bombs, including incendiaries, were dropped from low altitudes and hits are claimed on all five hangars of the aerodrome. Two hangars were set on fire and there were tremendous explosions.

Petrol and bomb dumps and administrative offices and quarters all received hits. Large fires were started among buildings north-west of the aerodrome.

A column of black smoke from the petrol dump fire rose 2,000 feet at least.

Heavy Damage

Eight aircraft dispersed in the aerodrome and near the hangars were destroyed, and many more damaged by incendiaries.

Machine-gunning was carried out from as low as 250 feet.

The fires were visible from as far as 50 miles away. The attack appeared to be a complete surprise and all aircraft returned safely.—Reuter.

was trapped by the legs with debris. His wife was flung to the ground.

A gas main caught fire, and A.R.P. workers had to fight back the flames to release Mr. Wareham.

Raiders were also over the north-east and the London area.

VICHY'S LATEST DECREE

VICHY HAS ISSUED A NEW DECREE MAKING COMPULSORY THE DECLARATION OF CREDITS BLOCKED IN 12 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

The decree also applies to the French Colonies.—Reuter.

ITALY'S SETBACK SEEN AS DE GAULLE OPPORTUNITY

A CHANCE TO TURN the Italian reverses into a complete rout and win for France "victory in the Mediterranean" now presents itself to the French fleet and French armies in North Africa and Syria, said General de Gaulle, Leader of Free France, broadcasting a strong appeal from London last night to the French forces in Syria and North Africa "not to miss the opportunity."

General de Gaulle appealed to French generals, admirals, officers, soldiers, sailors and airmen throughout the French Empire to unite with Free Frenchmen and fight on with the Allies for the liberation of France.

"Events are giving a magnificent opportunity," General de Gaulle stated, "for the French army to re-enter the war and take part in the final victory."

France was once more uniting secretly against the enemy and had rejected cooperation with Germany, he concluded.—Reuter.

STREETS AID IN RAIDS

A "Good Neighbours" scheme to help each other during air raids has been started in Harborne, Birmingham.

It will be run by committees responsible for each street.

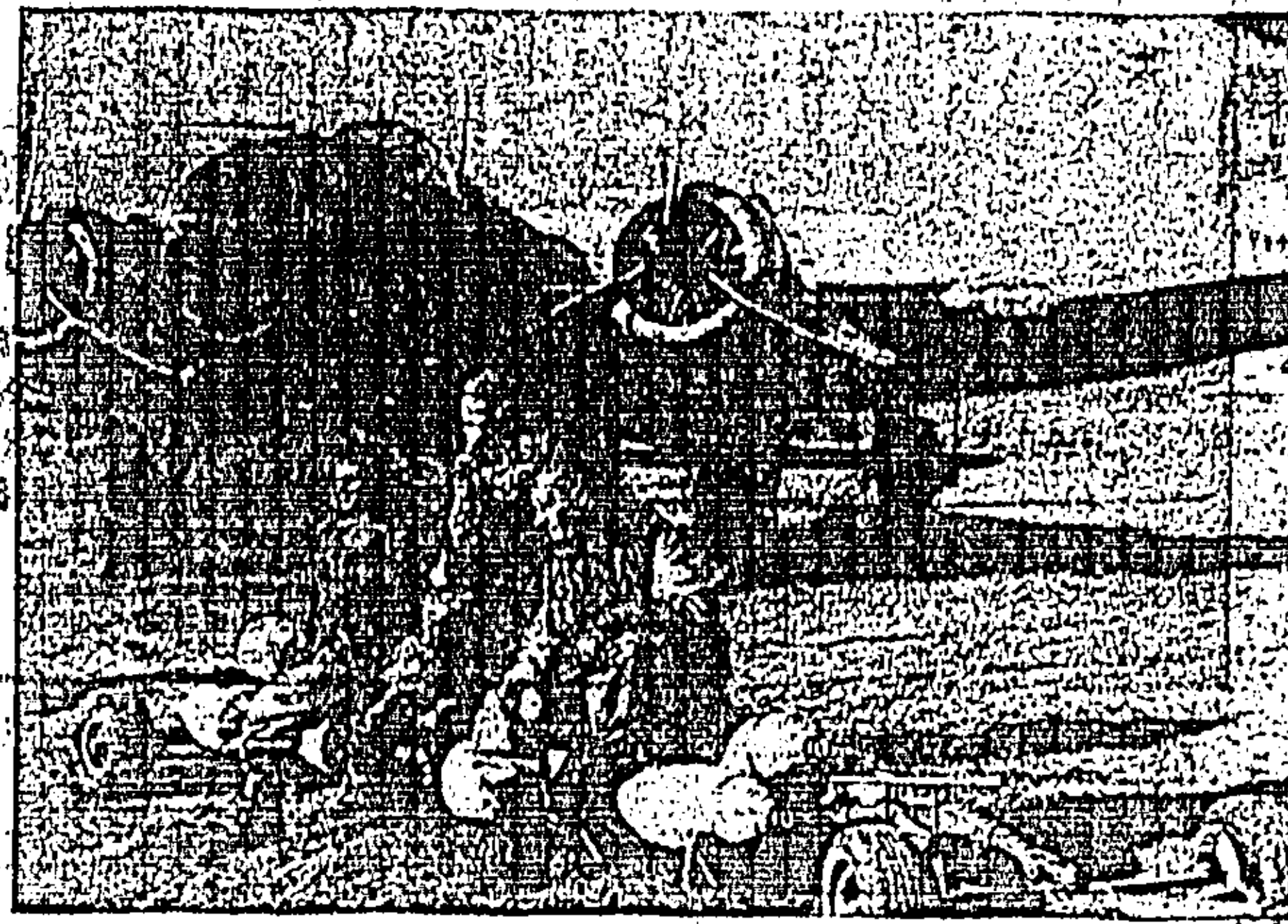
The neighbours will care for children who might be caught in the street during raids and take them to houses marked by a child picture in the window where they will remain until the "All clear."

Squads of parents will patrol the streets while the children go to and from school. Medical equipment will be kept in certain houses, and women fire squads for day duty are being formed.

Collecting, Too

Other activities of the "Good Neighbours" scheme, which Canon R. D. Richardson, vicar of Harborne, asks the country to copy are the arranging for iron rations to be kept in certain houses for emergency and the compiling of a register of places where people shelter.

The "Good Neighbours" will also collect for the Red Cross, help in the National Savings scheme, hold sewing parties, arrange depot houses for salvage, and take care of door keys when tenants are out.



The daring exploits of the R.A.F. during this war will for ever be remembered. Not only has Britain herself watched with pride and confidence the increasing intensity of the attacks on Germany, but consistent bravery and efficiency have won them the admiration of lovers of freedom all over the world. This photo shows a war scene. The crew of a bomber taking a few moments' rest on the tender of bombs which will shortly be loaded on their machines—to be dropped on some specified objective in Germany. (Copyright, Fox).

CHANNEL GUNS OPEN UP AGAIN

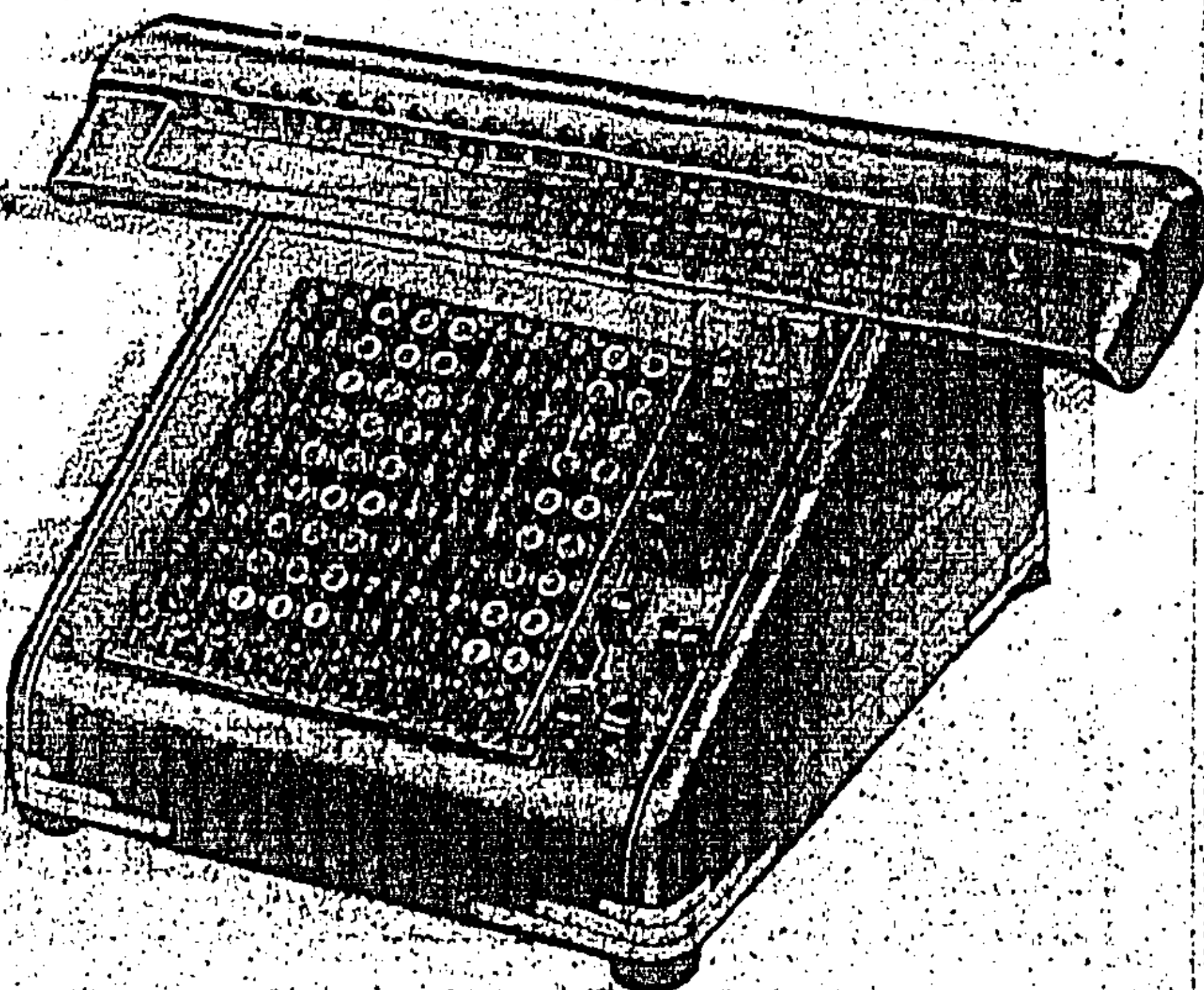
GERMAN LONG RANGE GUNS, AFTER BEING SILENT FOR THREE DAYS, OPENED UP SHORTLY BEFORE NOON YESTERDAY.

The shelling is described as being "brief but fairly intense."

The sea was calm in the Straits of Dover yesterday, with the sun shining brightly from a cloudless sky. A cold north-westerly wind was blowing and only light mist hid the French coast.—Reuter.

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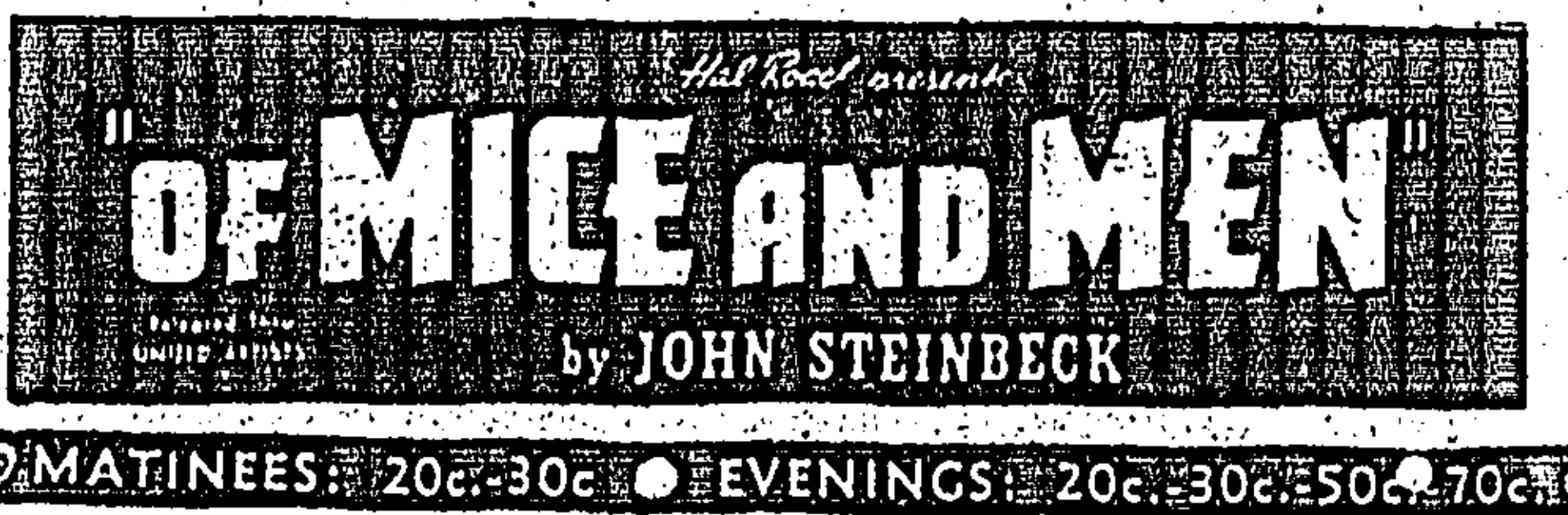
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TO A BLEAK WINTER

YESTERDAY IN Germany was "Sacrifice Sunday," when the German people were pressed to contribute to the Winter Help Fund, which has been a regular feature ever since the Nazi Party came into power.

Ostensibly, money collected on "Sacrifice Sunday" is intended for the poor and the destitute, but many Germans have remarked that no balance sheet is ever published and the public is not told what happens to the collections.

The fund is administered exclusively by the Nazis.

Germany's "diplomatic Winter Help Fund" — the first contribution to which was the Axis-Japan pact — seems to have come to a standstill.

Since the accession of Hungary and Rumania, all Germany's solicitations have failed to produce any more contributors.

The failure of the diplomatic offensive is clearly revealed in German propaganda.

During the past few days, German-controlled radio broadcasts have maintained a discreet silence about the "New Order," and have fallen back on claims that Britain is on the verge of collapse.

This complete change has aroused comment, and it is generally recognized that this "imminent collapse of Britain" propaganda is in the nature of a stop-gap to cover up the failure of Germany in Southern Europe and France and the humiliation of Italy in Greece and the Middle East.

Hitler's Aim

It is also taken as confirmation of the theory that Germany's recent attacks on British provincial towns and on shipping were intended to help Mussolini in his Greece campaign.

Italy's failure is as humiliating to Germany as it is to Italy herself, and it is considered highly probable that the absence of German help is a result of German inability rather than German unwillingness.

The British Press yesterday commented that the best help Hitler can give Mussolini is to review the raids on Britain in the hope of reducing our air aid to Greece and to intensify the attacks on shipping to keep as much of the British Fleet out of the Mediterranean as possible. — Reuter.

WOOLLEN STOCKINGS
— PERHAPS

Girls not in uniform, who can still wear a pretty dress and show a pretty leg, threaten a stocking strike if fashion experts insist on coloured woollen stockings for next season.

The experts have decreed that the vogue for women's wartime winter-wear will be brightly-coloured woollen stockings to match costumes, hats and handbags, for the order of the season is to be practical, yet gay.

"I'd rather go stockingless and risk feeling cold," one girl said. "I think most girls would agree with me, too. Woollen stockings—and coloured ones at that! What a horror!"

A score or more young women said the same.

This is what one man had to say about the idea: "How awful. We need pretty legs and faces to cheer us these days."

Other fashions decreed for winter wear are mackintosh cape put-me-ups—pneumatic capes that can be blown up to use as a pillow and mattress for unexpected night-time sheltering from raids—and velvet coat collars to take the place of fur.

SUBMARINE
TRIP
UNTRUE

A maid who posed as a Government agent was stated to have told an Army captain that she had made a secret service trip in a submarine.

She had visited Finisterre in this way, she said, to get documents for her stepfather, who was employed by the Ministry of Information.

But Kathleen Brown, twenty-seven, of Brantwood-road, Broughton, Salford, has never seen a submarine. Nor has she ever left this country.

"Her story is untrue," Superintendent Milner stated at Salford when Brown was bound over for twelve months.

False Name

"She has given way to extensive lying."

In her handbag was found a letter, addressed to a man in London, in which she said she had been learning "the mysteries of the War Office gun sites layouts—it was good run."

Superintendent Milner said that Brown, a native of Airdrie, also told the Army captain that her mother was a Russian and that she herself was employed by the British Government.

On her identity card her name was given as Katitia Brown, but this was not her real name, he added.

Brown expressed regret and said she did not mean any harm.

BARGAINING
PRESSURE BY
NAZIS ON JAPAN

It has been suggested in diplomatic circles in Peiping that the delay on the part of Germany in recognising the Wang Ching-wei Government is due to Germany's desire to use recognition as a bargaining counter to force Japan to take action against Britain in the Far East. — Reuter.

AMERICA'S
VLADIVOSTOK
CONSULATE

Chinese circles in Chungking attach much importance to the Soviet agreement to the establishment of a United States consulate at Vladivostok.

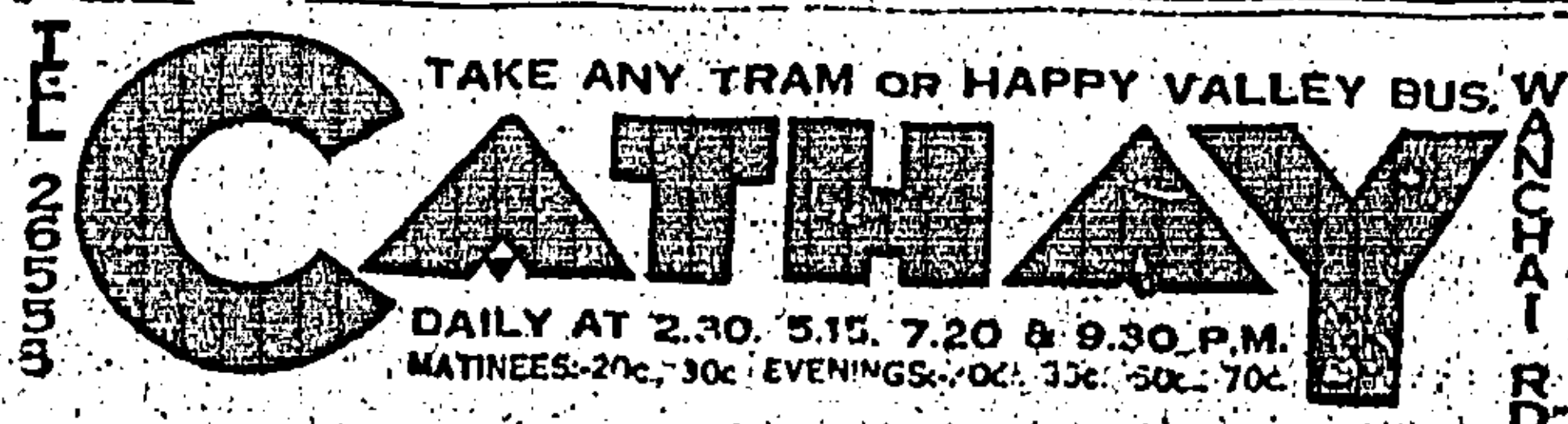
It is considered that the opening up of Vladivostok will make the port an important route of Soviet-American trade.

Informed circles also consider that the opening of this route will indirectly benefit Chinese transportation problems.

It is pointed out that Chinese goods shipped to Vladivostok via Hong Kong from January to August this year totalled nearly \$50,000,000, or nearly double the figures for last year. — Reuter.

JAPANESE TROOPS IN
PLAGUE ZONE

The Japanese troops on the northern bank of the Chin River in northern Kiangsi are reported to be terror-stricken by epidemics which are prevalent in the area. Numerous Japanese soldiers are reported to have died of plague. — Central News.



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P-I. HAVE 12 DIVISIONS READY

DISCUSSING AT LENGTH the preparedness of the Philippines to meet foreign aggression, Major Gen. Basilio J. Valdes, chief of staff of the Philippine Army, assured the student body of the University of the Philippines that the military authorities are cognizant of the seriousness of their responsibilities and that everything is being done to provide an adequate national defence within the limited finances of the government.

Answering criticisms which have been raised from time to time against the Philippine Army because the streets do not resound to the tramp of military feet, Major Gen. Valdes said:

"These critics forget that we have already trained the personnel of twelve divisions, that these men are available on a moment's notice, that mobilisation orders for their recall can be issued immediately, that the places of assembly are already indicated in our plans and that the uniforms and equipment are waiting in our mobilisation warehouses ready for instant distribution."

"Nothing is more indicative of the growing potentialities of the Philippine Army than the recent action of the United States government in planning to use this force as the basis for defending our shores. . . . The fact that these forces are being welcomed

and incorporated as additional units in their defence plans is sufficient evidence of their estimated fighting efficiency and usefulness."

Own Methods

The Philippine Army will develop a form and type of tactical procedure all its own, he declared. The regular army is building technical services and divisions which, with its general staff sections, continuously study and determine the proper types and methods best adapted to local geographical and psychological characteristics.

"If we want our country to grow in strength, intelligence,

RELEASED FROM THE ARMY

In order to render houses hit by bombs to be made habitable more quickly, the War Office yesterday announced it had been decided to release from the Army 3,000 men as the first contingent of men from the building trade.—Reuter.

wealth, usefulness and honour, every Filipino worthy of the name should strive to do his part in the attainment of this development," he emphasised. "This is what is known as national discipline, an attribute without which a nation is doomed to perish. The civilisation, strength and stability of a people can be measured by the degree of national discipline they have attained. . . . Without discipline, there will be confusion and, where confusion exists, dissension and weakness naturally follow."

Major Gen. Valdes made an appraisal of the progress of the Philippine Army, declaring that the basis of the Philippine national defence is a nonprofessional, citizen army. He pointed out that this is the best type suited here under the financial limitations imposed.

"The Philippine Army includes all the normal branches of similar field forces of other nations including the air force. A naval contingent of the army, termed the Off-Shore Patrol, is well organized and is provided with speedy torpedo boats as its basic material. The performance of the Philippine Army air corps has been the source of much favourable comment from qualified officers of the United States Army and other armies."

U.S. Model

A regular army force of professionals is authorised, he continued, in the basic law for the purposes of providing a laboratory in which to experiment with the latest military developments. While the military force is patterned after the United States Army system in general, there is no hesitancy about revising or modifying either equipment or procedure to fit local conditions obtaining in the Philippines, he declared.

The PA chief of staff further said that the regular army increment will be finally established at its authorised strength by the graduations from the Philippine Military Academy and other commissioned appointments. With this plan, the number of reserve officers on active duty service will be gradually reduced.

In view of the great financial difficulties encountered in maintaining the Philippine Military Academy and other military training schools for officers, the Philippine Army can never turn out every year an adequate number of officers to command the citizen army in case of general mobilisation. "This is the reason the ROTC (Reserve Officers Training Corps) becomes a vital element in our national defence programme because it is the one sure source that could furnish the bulk of officers required to lead our reserve units," he declared.

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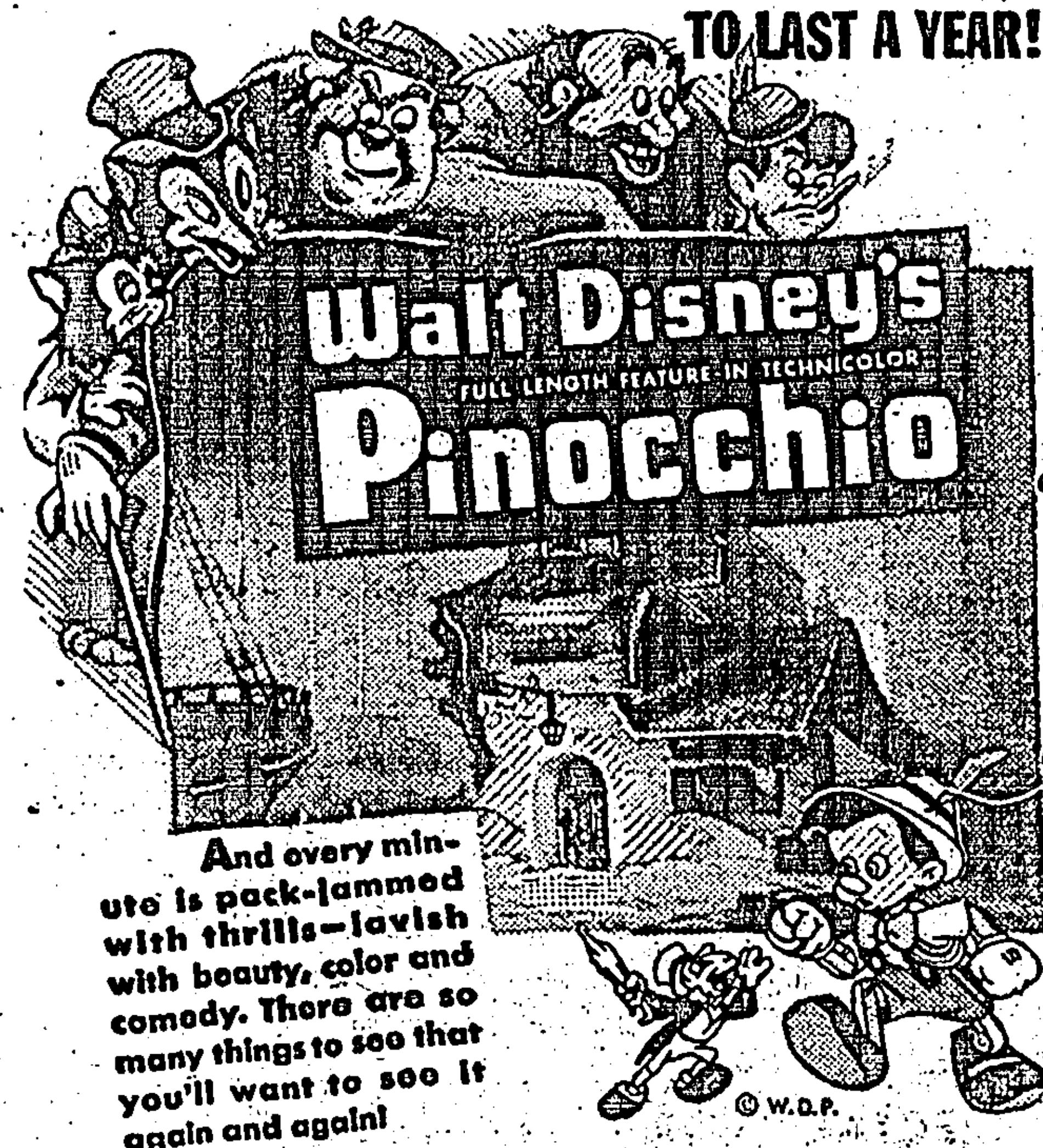


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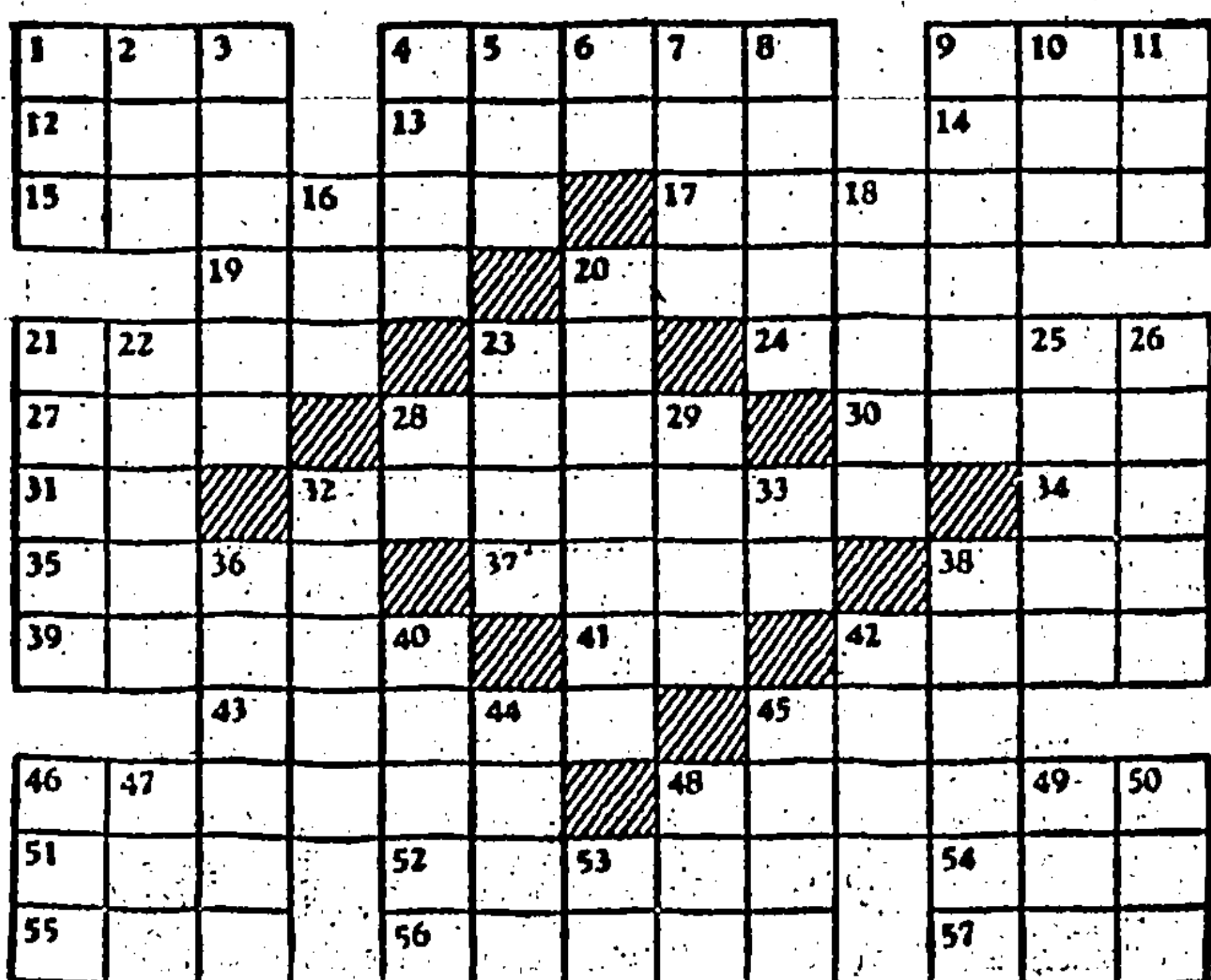
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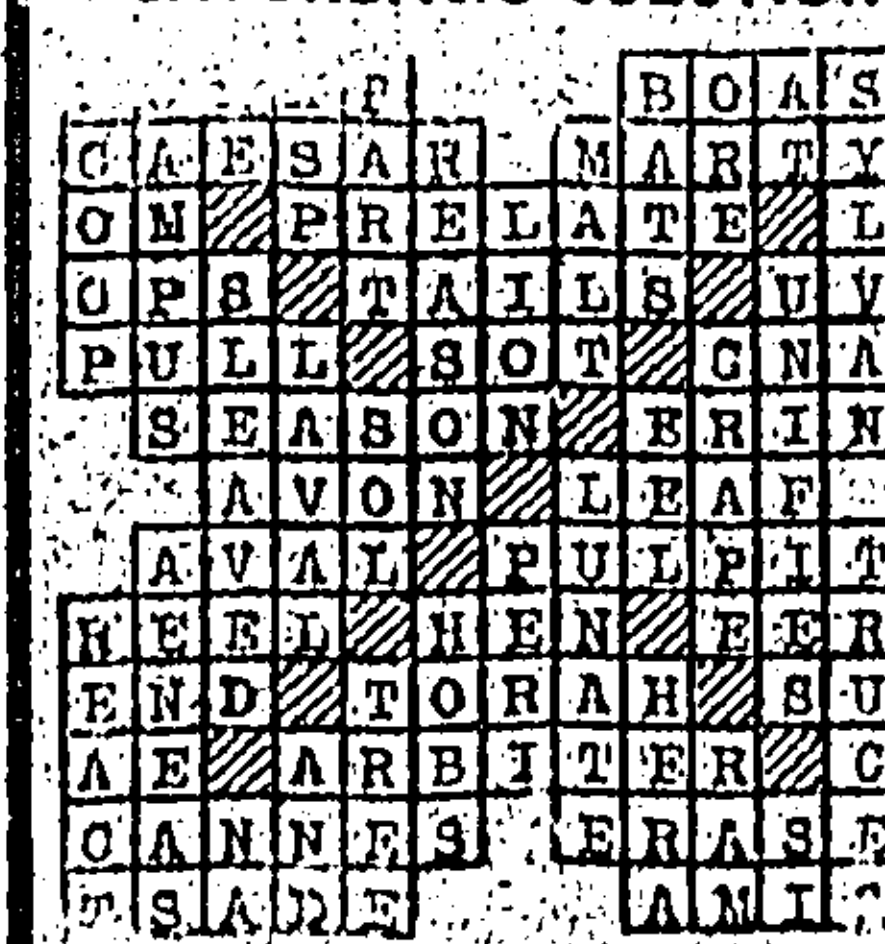
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Rear part of vessel
- 4 Yellowish-green
- 9 Poetic; to unclose
- 12 Malay gibbon
- 13 Asiatic shrubby plant
- 14 Lair
- 15 Invocation
- 17 Disentangles
- 19 Period of time
- 20 Provisions
- 21 March
- 22 Note of scale
- 24 Ancient chariot
- 27 Atmosphere
- 28 Domesticated
- 30 Narrative
- 31 Parent
- 32 Part of Asia
- 34 Six
- 35 Heraldic device
- 37 Ardour
- 38 Stroke lightly
- 39 Cooking apparatus
- 41 Bone
- 42 Small
- 43 Bounded
- 45 To disfigure

VERTICAL

- 1 Mountain peak
- 2 Distant
- 3 Barterer
- 4 To follow orders
- 5 Gaelic sea god
- 6 Pronoun
- 7 Girl's name
- 8 To excite
- 9 Seaport in the Ukraine

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HORIZONTAL

- 10 Swordsman's dummy stake
- 11 Being
- 10 Long-haired ruminant
- 18 Goddess of the hearth
- 20 Seat of King Arthur's court
- 21 Birds
- 22 Laughing
- 23 French soldier-poetess
- 25 Granite porphyry
- 26 Divinity
- 28 Note of scale
- 29 Epochs
- 32 To cut
- 33 Preposition
- 36 Dogs inclined to decoy
- 38 Corsairs
- 39 Auriculate
- 42 Hebrew letter
- 44 Burning pile
- 45 Emporium
- 46 Mid-western university
- 47 Pronoun
- 48 The sun
- 49 Burmese demon
- 50 Beverage
- 51 Sun god

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WREN SAVED BOMBED PAUL'S

I STOOD IN the shadows of St. Paul's late in the afternoon and saw how a Nazi high explosive bomb had made rubble of the High Altar and torn and twisted the sacred ornaments of Britain's most famous cathedral; writes a London reporter.

Mr. Tanner, the verger, stood by my side. It was a long time before he spoke. Then he said: "We can only be thankful that the rest of the cathedral has been saved. There will be services as usual in the Crypt."

They hit St. Paul's in a recent raid. But once again the cathedral had a remarkable escape. Wren built well; the fabric still stands firm, the Choir is undamaged, and everyone who sees the great rectangular hole gaping in the roof must marvel that the damage was so small.

But the beautiful black and gold marble High Altar—erected about 60 years ago—was obliterated. Before it stands a dreadful pile of debris; huge chunks of masonry which hurtled down on it when the bomb struck the roof of the cathedral, not far from the great Dome.

It is a leaden roof. It dulled the force of the explosion. But for that I might have an even sadder story to tell of this latest wanton bombing.

Even now they are mending the roof of the cathedral, clearing away the great piles of debris from the Altar, and I should think that it will not be long before the people come up from the Crypt to hold their services as usual.

The jagged hole in the roof just reaches the edges of those lovely mosaic saucer domes.

Parts of this mosaic—admired all over the world—were torn away and I saw pieces of it lying among the rubble on the floor. The Cross and the candlesticks were blasted from the Altar and I do not know where they lie.

The Bishop's chair was flung against one of the wrought iron sanctuary gates, its carving badly scarred. The pediment of the stone reredos was slightly damaged but the Crucifix and the other figures were untouched.

Flying stones gashed the picture "The Doubting of Thomas" in the Jesus Chapel behind the reredos and there are many ragged holes in the beautiful stained glass windows.

The Kempe windows in the east end of the cathedral were slightly damaged by blast.

No Jarring

As we stood silently gazing at this damage rain fell through the gaping hole in the roof. It fell on to the debris just which covered the choir stalls and made it like mud, so that the cleaners had a hard job to clear it away.

For when the bomb tore through the roof and obliterated the altar, blast sent blocks of masonry flying everywhere and still the dust lies thick in all parts of the Cathedral.

It was a scene like this that met Canon Alexander when he rushed up from his shelter after the bomb had exploded. He, with other canons of the Cathedral, was sleeping in the Crypt. His bed was almost immediately beneath the Altar.

He was almost choked by the swirling dust and by the acid fumes of the bomb. It was some time before he could really see what damage had been done.

Canon Alexander told me: "I have inspected the damage with a Cathedral official. His comment was: 'This shows the marvellous binding of the masonry that Wren put in.' It really is amazing. There was no jarring in the Crypt at all."

None Injured

Not a single member of the Cathedral staff was injured. They were all asleep in the crypt. Mr. Tanner, the verger, was just about to go home when the bomb exploded.

He did not know that it had hit the cathedral, went home, and was recalled. "I can't understand it," he told me. "It only shows what a wonderful builder Wren was."

I made my way out of the Cathedral, past the spot where they dropped the time-bomb that was meant to destroy St. Paul's but was killed by the men of the Royal Engineers.

And, with dusk creeping on, I joined the small crowd of people who throughout the day gathered outside the Cathedral.

"Well," said one of them. "St. Paul's still stands."

"Yes," said another. "It will be a long time before they destroy London this way."

And that summed up what most of us thought who saw what a bomb in the night had done to St. Paul's.

***St. Paul's Cathedral is the third cathedral church to have been built on the site. The present building was designed and built by Sir Christopher Wren at a cost of £748,000, and it took from 1675 to 1710 to complete.

RISKED BOMB TO FEED RABBITS

When a man was fined 40s. at a police court in the London area for insulting behaviour, it was stated that his house was in a prohibited area because of the presence of an unexploded bomb. He and other householders had been evacuated.

The man told the Court that he wished to go home to feed forty-one rabbits and six chickens. "Animals are more important than anything else," he said.

The Court was told that the animals are being cared for.



As the son of Akim Tamiroff, William Henry appears in Paramount's "The Way Of All Flesh" which opens simultaneously at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres. Gladys George and Muriel Angelus are also featured.

PRINCE BERNHARD BOMBED

Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands had to slide down the banisters from a top-floor flat in London early in the morning after the stairs had been wrecked by a bomb.

He was visiting friends in a third-floor flat and was preparing to leave and go to his car parked outside when the bomb fell.

Every one in the flat flung themselves to the floor.

The bomb came in through a window above the stairs. As the dust cleared Prince Bernhard saw that the banisters of a part of the stairway still stood.

He slid down into the wreckage on the ground floor. Then he helped Home Guards and A.R.P. workers to rescue the other people in the flat.

RAID VETERANS REACH SAFETY

(By A Special Correspondent)

THE "TWICE-BOMBED babies" are at last on their way to safety in the country. A handful of tiny mites — their ages range from a few weeks to four or five, they were cared for by the W.V.S. at a large house in North London after they had been bombed out of their homes in some of London's most badly-hit areas.

Then, soon after the sirens wailed for the nightly visit of Hitler's bombers high explosive rained down on their refuge home.

The children in the basement escaped unhurt apart from a light shock.

They seemed resigned when told they were to move on again. They are "veterans" of bombing attacks.

I saw them when they were waiting at the Regent's Park home of Lady Ribblesdale for coaches to take them to the country and safety.

There they played happily as though nothing had happened. In some cases the children's parents have been killed or injured and they are the survivors of their families.

Two new arrivals, John and Beryl Dean sat quietly on little chairs in a corner of the room. They had been given a penny and there they sat and waited until Matron told them they could join in the games.

Their mother had brought them in. Their street had been heavily bombed and little Beryl's face was still streaked with dirt from clambering over debris.

"Live wires of the party were Mary Revel and Valerie Bantuk, both aged about four, 'They're tough, those two,' one of the staff said. 'Nothing seems to bother them.'"

When I left it was bedtime in this temporary haven, and with toys and dolls clutched in their arms the babies were settling down.



AN AGRARIAN ROLE

While German propaganda has been insistently lauding the scheme for a "new order" in Europe, as laid down by German financiers and economists, little attention has hitherto been paid to the Colonies. Hitler at one time even went so far as to announce that the requisition of territory in Africa or elsewhere was not of vital importance. This silence has now been broken by the official organ of Hitler's S.S. which recently outlined Germany's colonial aims. When speaking of the "new order" in Europe phrases are usually designed to cloak the subject with glamorous but vague outlines, but in so far as German colonial policy is planned, no vagueness is considered necessary or worthwhile. The writer of the article in question states very clearly that "we need colonies to assure a living for the millions of German workers... the work done in the Colonies must aim at attaining the greatest advantage for the Fatherland with the least possible expenditure of manpower... German administrators will act as organisers of agriculture, industry and commerce, serving as the Fatherland's delegates and symbolising the Reich sovereignty. It must be emphasised," added the writer, "that the purpose of the colonies will be to supply the Reich with cheap raw materials."

We have quoted enough to show Germany's purpose in the Colonies she eventually hopes to possess. The same system would apply to Europe under the "new order." In fact, the more outspoken German and Italian writers, especially the latter, who usually fail to smother their real purpose in words, betray the fact that European countries are to be reduced to the status of German colonies, colonies conveniently close at hand to supply Germany with the raw materials she needs "without interference from third powers."

German economists have frequently stressed the need for an assured and unlimited flow of agricultural products into Germany and those countries now under the domination of Hitler have been clearly told that industrial competition could not be tolerated. "Naturally Germany will not allow her fibre industries to dwindle after the war," stated one writer on South East European economics, "so she will maintain arrangements with the countries in South Eastern Europe for at least a part of their surplus agrarian products to be taken up by the Reich as this traffic cannot be upset by other Powers." This is, as a matter of fact, what is already being carried out in Rumania to whom Germany has agreed to give building materials and farming implements in return for agricultural produce.

Germany has declared that she has no intention of laying down the law in individual countries, but this kindly assurance is not borne out when we are told that these same countries must return to their "traditional agricultural role" and not attempt to compete in markets where German goods are to be found. France has also been informed of this, hence the Vichy dictum that agriculture will loom largely in the new economic life of the people.

The stress laid on the importance of agriculture in the new order in Europe serves a two-fold purpose. It relieves the Reich once and for all from the pressing fear of lack. It also ensures a better prospect for continued domination. Agriculturists are for the most part isolated from active participation in the political field, while the distances at which they live precludes any effective organisation against German suzerainty, at the same time reducing the country to the humble state of a dependency.

During three years and two months of continuous residence in Japan, the writer of this somewhat confused and not altogether objective chronicle was privileged to witness the completion and most of the spadework of a relatively bloodless but nonetheless terroristic revolution, from nominal Democracy to absolute totalitarianism.

The military uprising of 1936, referred to but rarely in Tokyo and then only as the "February 26 Incident," marked the inception of this revolution. It scarcely could be recognised as such, however, even by the time I had disembarked from a freighter in Yokohama and deposited myself on the hospitable shores of Dai Nippon as an uninvited guest—at precisely the same time other uninvited guests were making a shambles of Chapel. The culmination of this great domestic upheaval came with the re-emergence of Prince Fumimaro Konoye, the dedication of his "New Structure" (for historical and idiotic parallel refer to Tower of Babel construction project) and his faltering signature of the tripartite military alliance with Germany and Italy. This instrument, incidentally, was obstructed by a heartsick Emperor for 48 hours after its announcement was scheduled, and the grim signing ceremony nearly left Prince Konoye with nervous prostration. Of greatest significance was the fact that the three-way pact converted Japan, the pioneer puppet-maker, into a pathetic Charley McCarthy operated by remote control from Berlin.

February 26, 1936, and October 27, 1940, are likely to be set down in the records as the outstanding dates in the retrogressive process which inevitably must lead to the collapse of the 2,600-year-old Empire.

The most dispassionate observer could not without wincing have witnessed the relentless course of events between these two dates—the ruination of a proudly progressive nation and the progressive degeneration of perhaps 59,500,000 fundamentally honest and peace-loving people.

March of Events

Review briefly from that evil day early in July, 1937, when Lieutenant-General Hajime Sugiyama, then War Minister, responding to prods in the rear from superiors, told Japan's plastic iron man that if he (Konoye) would not order seven divisions of the Imperial Army to North China to transform the existing squabble into a full-dress war, then by all that was holy he (Sugiyama) would preempt the authority and issue the order, we see:

1. A rusty, gear-stripped military machine with wheels out of alignment and a nearly empty gas-tank backing out of China's mire on three cylinders, that it may line up at the starting post in the southern circuit in a desperate attempt to "place" in the next race, but facing probable disqualification because of inadequate repairs, a weary driver and dubious backers.

2. Grim prospects of national self-destruction by the following means of sudden or slow death: (A) the battering of an added pate to a bloody pulp against the Singapore fortress; (B) slow starvation, economically and physically, if the world's oldest war keeps to its pattern; (C) suffocation from sheer apathy; (D) strangulation by bureaucratic red tape.

3. The virtual disappearance of such modified civil liberties as ever existed, thanks to an inefficient but serviceable Gestapo, manufactured according to Berlin specifications and aided and abetted by a gigantic Nazi Fifth Column. This bungling force has succeeded in stamping out the last vestige of liberalism in politics, economics and education. The Imperial Diet, which once rang with the righteous convictions of free speaking men, causing cabinets to tremble and tumble, is to-day a splendid but hollow shell, not unlike the Kroll Opera House.

With all liberal professors weeded out of the great universities or broken (not a few ex-

periencing the horrors of the gendarmerie inquisition chambers on suspicion of harbouring "dangerous thought") Japan's much-maligned and greatly disillusioned students found themselves in the gentle hands of Colonel Kingoro Hashimoto (retired?) and his ultra-nationalistic Japan Young Men's Party. The bat-eared bomber of the Panay rescued them from the tender mercies of the walrus-mustached General Sadao Araki, also retired and actually shelved for the nonce because of his embarrassing hatred of the Soviets.

Christianity 'Reformed'

In line with Japan's nationalistic revolution, as rounded out by the New Structure Tower of Babel (thus designated because no two of its many architects can explain it with even incoherent similarity) Christianity has given up its insecure foothold and performed a strategic withdrawal. Despite the tight-lipped silence of those who

By A Reformed Tokyoite

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have survived "investigations," the methods employed by the gendarmes can be imagined in terrifying detail when the case of the Rev. Toyohiko Kagawa, Japan's No. 1 living martyr, is called to mind. Mr. Kagawa, who forsook riches for Christianity and lived among filthy and diseased derelicts in the roughest hovel in Kobe's most squalid slum—his faith never faltering—emerged from the grim grey building in Marunouchi after a few weeks of the works and promptly became a convert. Seeing the light in a sudden flash of enlightenment, he gained his release and took himself off to Kyushu to preach the New Structure gospel.

Similarly, thousands of Japanese cursed with the ability to think for themselves, who a few months back voiced their Democratic views rather frankly and were easily accessible to foreigners, have now drawn within themselves and are prudently silent. Their convictions have been sharpened, if anything, by what is going on about them. But they have seen their ranks depleted, due to scraps of non-conformist conversation overheard in public places or to being seen too frequently in the company of foreigners of the wrong nationality. This irregularity often as not has been pointed out to the authorities by foreigners of the right nationality.

To explain the phenomena of anti-foreignism and manufactured spy scares, both part and parcel of official policy, it is necessary to go back somewhere near the beginning.

When I arrived in Japan, and I must confess I landed with a closed mind cluttered up with a lot of preconceived erroneous ideas about the Orient in general and Japan in particular, I was immediately impressed not by the sinister qualities of the people but rather by the respect and admiration they displayed towards all foreigners, particularly Americans, and Anglo-Saxon culture. Once assured of my non-Communist leanings, determined by none too subtle probing, I was accepted, cherished and revered along with baseball, permanent waves, President Roosevelt (in excellent standing at the time) Ford V-8's, Wrigley's chewing gum (both could be bought), Deanna Durbin, Clark Gable, Gary Cooper and Oliver Hardy.

Unharmed, Untouched

Had I been a visiting dignitary, a person with a definite mission to perform or anyone but a newspaperman on sabbatical leave who arrived on a freighter and rode in on a sampan under the cover of a trial black-out, I should have been inclined to view the courtesies and considerations which were heaped upon me with a slightly jaundiced eye. But since I was

just another American, only a few dollars removed from the beach, I must acknowledge the genuine character of their sincerity.

What I did not realise for the latter part of a year was the cold fact that the war was intensely unpopular with the great mass of the people, who did not ask for it and certainly did not want it, who wanted nothing more, in fact, than their daily rice.

The war was not sold to the people; they merely took it on approval. The fast talking army boys, after requiring a slight deposit, promised rich dividends within a few months and the people fancied they would be picking up gold in the streets with the next frost.

Since it was rather difficult for the Japanese to gnash their teeth and work themselves into a frenzy of wrath over the Chinese, who were in danger of succumbing to the treacherous wiles of Moscow and really needed nothing but enlightenment and guidance toward prosperity, it behooved the army to dig up a whipping boy, so as to instil a bit of needed war spirit. Because Hitler was glowering at him and conditions in his own bailiwick seemed somewhat chaotic, Josef Stalin appeared to be the likeliest candidate, and his bottom was bared to the lash.

When Stalin's refusal to fill the bill was confirmed by the Kwantung Army in the disturbance that occurred up Nomonhan way, before the climax was capped in Moscow, public opinion builders started casting about for a bigger and better scapegoat. They found John Bull, the all but forgotten despoiler of East Asia, behaving himself "most abominably" in Tientsin and sufficiently preoccupied in Europe to suit the Japanese purpose. So the hounds were off Russia and set yapping after Britain.

'Spontaneous' Displays

Acrimonious editorials, almost identical in phraseology, were vomited out by Tokyo's well-trained press and bushels of posters made their appearance overnight on telephone poles and railway abutments, bidding Britain remove itself from "our new East Asia." Purely "spontaneous" demonstrations occurred outside the gates of the British Embassy, with demonstrators arriving in municipal trucks and battalions of aproned and trousered members of women's associations on hand, by spontaneous impulse of course, to dispense ice-water to the listless flagwavers who were shouting meekly for British blood.

America had remained a true friend of Japan all the while, though somewhat standoffish, even after the renunciation of the Japanese-American treaty of commerce and navigation. It had been frequently deplored that American public opinion was so ill-informed as not to be able to grasp and appreciate the real meaning of the "Sacred Campaign" in China and cooperate with it wholeheartedly, but the official and press criticism always was kept on a constructive plane. British stock even rose a notch or so after the Berlin-Moscow deal, and the dogs were called off until Tokyo could resurvey the lay of the land.

Britain's rascality was noted again in consequence of the Asuma Maru affair, but America did not become an accomplice and a full-fledged arch-enemy of all East Asia until after France had fallen and Britain appeared to be in the Nazi bag as well.

With this turn of events, the prime idea was to poison the people so thoroughly against the two remaining powerful Democracies as to win their acquiescence in an Axis partnership, since lush plums suddenly had appeared in the south.

Shiratori-Tatakawa-Suetsugu-Hashimoto and Company, Goro-gotki Ltd., had crawled from under their flat rock, drafted Prince Konoye as their front man (implying strongly that a second term as Premier would be in the best interests of his health) and started undermining the Yonai Cabinet which they thoughtfully had allowed to remain in office until the Diet unpleasantness was disposed of.

The German Fifth Column, which had been filling across Siberia all winter like an army of ants (I have counted as many as 250 trunks at one time on the platform of Yokohama Station, all bearing Berlin and Hamburg tags) and went into high gear simultaneously.

Certain army elements again found it necessary to prod a War Minister, and General Shunroku Hata, stalked out of Cabinet, which collapsed in his wake.

Then came the Teutonic-inspired "spy scare," featuring the arrest of a number of prominent Britons, and a general reign of terror designed to squelch the last dying opposition to the new crew and its programme. With the New Structure smoke-screen making things murky in Japan and the isolationist clamour and political preoccupation sweeping America, the irresponsible leaders in Tokyo developed the twin delusion that the United States could be bluffed into keeping to its own side of the Pacific and that the home folks were hankering for international adventure. Thus the time was thought ripe for springing the three-way alliance.

Disillusionment Arrives

Any illusions about American timidity were swept away by the evacuation of American citizens from Japan and China and the re-election of President Roosevelt, both of which events were witnessed with long faces.

As to the reaction of the Japanese people to the latest and greatest of Tokyo's diplomatic blunders, it can be said that the Axis extension ranks next in unpopularity only to the Sino-Japanese war. One ordinarily is not impressed by negative emotional exhibitions, but the wave of chilling silence which greeted the joint announcement carried the impact of a slap in the face. The "Hochu Shimbun," which was one of the first Nazi prizes in Japan, felt constrained to rebuke the people for their failure to whoop it up over the new pact, remarking that Herr Hitler could not but feel hurt at their lack of appreciation of Germany's unbounded benevolence.

Although the Germans are officially glorified, the Japanese realise they have maneuvered their Government into a precarious position, and they hate them intensely for it.

The situation in Japan has changed completely from 1937, when foreigners were trusted and respected, and now suspicion and open hostility are displayed against all Westerners, Germans included.

With a serious coal and power shortage admitted, and a poorly stocked larder all too evident, Japan faces a cruel winter. The supply of charcoal, the universal fuel for cooking and heating is being rationed drastically. Gas and electricity cannot be used for auxiliary warmth.

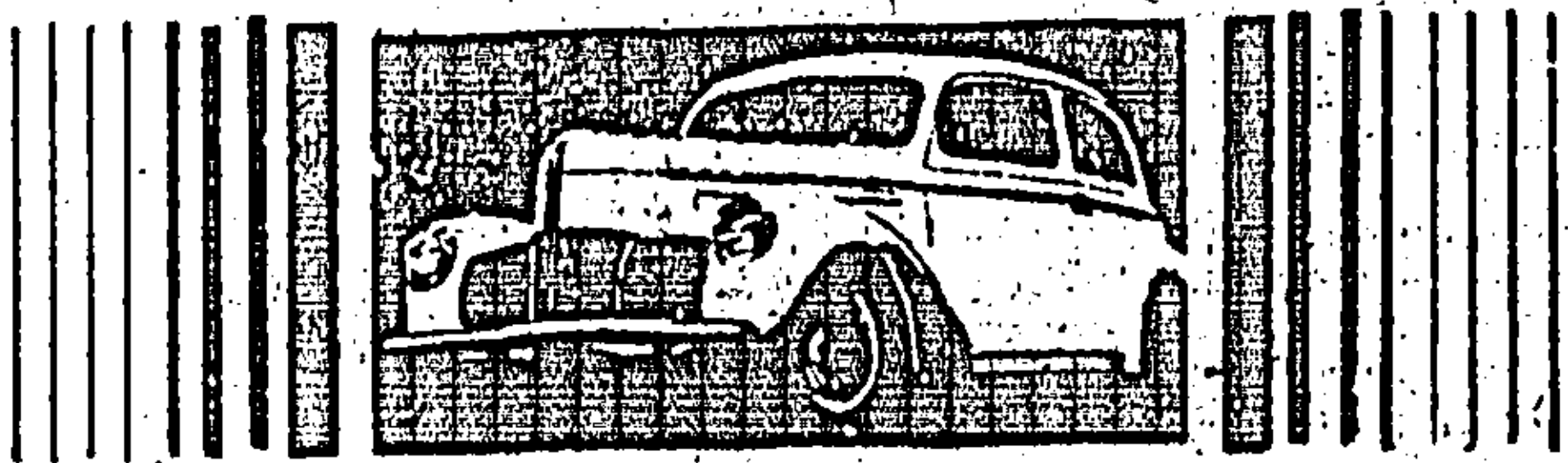
Although all commodities are available in Japan's "conquered" territories, the "conquerors" are obliged to get along on 10 small boxes of matches and a half-pound of sugar a month per household, to eat an unpalatable mixture of unpolished Formosan and Indo-Chinese rice and wheat, when they can get it. In the frequent absence of rice they eat bread, when they can get that. Restaurants serve rice only at certain specified hours of the day, and neighbourhood shops are sold out more often than not. Wheat-adoring Tokyoites now are forming in breadlines, for the first time in history.

What is perhaps the ultimate in irony is the fact that no Japanese can go to China unless under arms, on an official mission or on urgent business—and for the latter reason a hard-to-get police permit is required.

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ROOF CRAWL TO AID TRAPPED GIRL

A YOUNG EX-SAILOR smashed his way during an air raid into a building which had been set on fire by a bomb. He crawled over a blazing roof, got into a bedroom, the ceiling of which was well alight, and rescued a trapped fifteen-year-old girl who was cowering by the window in her night-clothes.

While the girl was being rescued, her mother and stepfather were lying dead in the next room. It was too late to save them. It happened during a raid on a south-west town. The hero was Kenneth Long, thirty-four, a telephone linesman. The girl, Cynthia Smith, lived above a shop in the centre of the town with her mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Appleby. Mr. Appleby was the caretaker of the building.

Mr. Long was returning home from night duty when he heard the noise of a bomb coming down.

"I threw myself against a wall," Mr. Long told a reporter. "Then I heard an awful swish, and the next moment the top floor of a shop opposite me was aglow."

"I realised that the Nazi plane had dropped an oil bomb, and that there were people in the blazing building."

"Police-Constable Muller forced open the door and we dashed up to the first floor."

"We could get no further, as the staircase was ablaze. We did not know which way to turn for a moment, and then we smashed the landing window, climbed over a glass roof, then up a slate roof which was growing hot under our feet."

'My Hottest Spot'

"We smashed in a passage window on the top floor and got through it."

"It was the hottest spot I have ever been in. I threw open the only door I could see. The ceiling of the room inside was ablaze. The girl, in her nightclothes, was cowering by the window."

"I got her out and we dragged her back the way we had come. I do not know how we got down again. I asked her if there was anyone else in the building."

"All she could say was, 'In mother's room. . . . But it was too late for us to get back then.'"

Mr. Garcia, who lives in the same street, said:

"I ran to my window after the bomb landed. Already flames were shooting up through the windows and roof of the building opposite."

"For one awful moment I saw Mrs. Appleby trying to reach her window, her night-clothes ablaze."

"The bomb had dropped in the room occupied by her and her husband, and they were both burned to death."

Life Goes On

"Her daughter Cynthia was leaning out of the next window. I ran out and shouted to her not to jump as help was coming, but she vanished."

"This was the first time during an air raid that Mr. and Mrs. Appleby had not gone to their underground shelter."

The next day the shop on the ground floor was open to the public, while only the charred stairs of the building bore mute witness to the tragedy.

The staff of twenty-two were busy supplying customers with fish, standing on a floor covered with sawdust and rubble, with holes in the ceiling above them.

**HIT P. C. WITH
NAZI BOMB**

During an air raid a youth hit a policeman over the head with part of a German incendiary bomb. It was stated at a Midland police court.

Twenty stitches had to be put into the officer's wounds. The youth was sentenced to six months' hard labour on a wounding charge.

SAW A BOMB KILL SIX

By the flash of a bomb a man saw his three sons, married daughter, and two grandchildren killed in a raid.

He and his wife, who is still in hospital, are the only survivors of eleven people trapped in the cellar of a north-east England town house which was wrecked.

He is William Hadfield, aged forty-seven, and he had been placed in the same ward as three German airmen who had been shot down.

His wife, Sarah, has now been told that her three sons, William, aged sixteen, Harry, aged twelve, and Andrew, aged ten, were killed, and also her married daughter, Elizabeth Tarrant, twenty-six, and Mrs. Tarrant's two children, William, aged eight months, and Margaret, aged two and a half years.

The other victims whose bodies were taken out after many hours heroic work by rescue squads were Miss Betty Scarborough, aged twenty, her sister Gladys, aged twelve, and Miss Nancy Tarrant, aged eighteen, sister-in-law to Mrs. Tarrant.

Mr. Hadfield told a reporter: "We got the children and the others into the coal cellar."

Lucky Escape

"Suddenly there was a terrible explosion. By the flash of the bomb I saw the walls of the cellar bulge and cave in, burying our children and the others."

"We two on the steps had amazing escapes. We were trapped and I could only move one hand. We could hear the rescuers and I kept on shouting."

"I managed to move a brick from my wife's head and tried to cheer her up, as she was beginning to lose hope."

"I said to her: 'Sarah, while there's life there's hope,' and she smiled back bravely at me."

"Several hours I could just see a pin-point of light as the rescuers worked feverishly to release us."

**PROFESSOR FOUND
GASSED**

Professor Jeffrey Frodsham, of the British Institute in Zagreb, Yugoslavia, has been found dead from gas poisoning at his flat in Zagreb. The police found a leakage in a gas-pipe in a room adjoining the one in which Mr. Frodsham slept. — Exchange.

183 MILES TO A FIRE

Because he wanted experience a Manchester part-time auxiliary fireman hitch-hiked to London—183 miles—and gave up his week's holiday to fight bomb fires.

He is Frank Morris, of Richmond Road, Fallowfield, Manchester, a motor-drive and member of Birchfield, Manchester, A.F.S.

Starting a week's holiday, Morris decided to set out for London to obtain practice at real fires. But money for railway fares could not be spared, so he left his wife and eight-year-old son at 7.30 on Sunday morning, and got lifts on lorries. He arrived the same night.

His determination to become a full-time fireman for a week was strengthened when he saw what bombs had done to his sister's home in London. He joined up at No. 40 Fire Station and the experience he sought was quickly forthcoming.

Bomb Blew Fire Out

"When Frank left on the Sunday morning, I thought he was going to live at his sister's home," Mrs. Morris told a reporter. "It was not until I received a letter from him on the following Thursday that I found he was fulfilling his desire to get some real fire-fighting practice. From the little he told me, he certainly was busy."

"During the whole week he did not take off his uniform, and had only two hours' sleep. A German bomber swooped to drop a bomb while Frank was fighting one fire. The explosion blew the fire out."



According to the wiles of Murid Angelus, Akim Tamiroff has wandered from the straight and narrow in Paramount's "The Way of All Flesh" opening Tuesday simultaneously at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres.

UNARMED COMBAT

---IT'S CALLED

THE ARMY is being taught "unarmed combat" — and it's very rough. When the Germans invaded Norway and Holland and Belgium, the defenders could hardly tell friend from foe, and many were overpowered by surprise attack.

So the British soldier is to be trained to defend himself against this sort of thing even when he is unarmed.

For this purpose the Army has built up a system of training which makes use of the best (or worst) tricks of the orthodox wrestling styles, of the boxing ring and of the "rough-house."

The result, as demonstrated at a physical training centre in the Southern Command, is something very much to be avoided.

There are weapons less fearsome than the bare hands of a sergeant-major instructor, who threw men about as though they were dolls.

"Unarmed combat" is no affair of taboos and niceties of behaviour. Kicking, gouging, butting — all these it permits against a foe who knows no rules.

While two instructors were locked in mimic fight, an expert said: "War is always a matter of life and death even between unarmed men. So against the sort of opponent we have to face we cannot afford to have any scruples about the methods we use."

Such things as kicking and gouging are detestable to us. But we must learn to use them against the Hun — and we must use them without a tremor."

A Pretty Throw

As he spoke, one of the instructors sprang head-over-heels and landed on his back. The other pounced upon him and held him fast.

"A very pretty throw," commented the expert, "and very nicely judged. A little misjudgment and we might have had a broken collar-bone then."

"Unarmed combat," the Army says, gives a man self-confidence and initiative, and teaches him to acquit himself as a soldier even

HE SAID HITLER WAS INSANE

The noted Norwegian psychiatrist, Dr. J. Scharffenberg, aged 80, who before the occupation by the Nazis published scientific articles in the Norwegian press declaring that Hitler was insane, has been arrested.

When Germans entered Norway Dr. Scharffenberg went to them and announced that he was the author of those articles, adding that he preferred not to wait for the Gestapo. They did not arrest him, but ordered him to report to them every evening.

Recently in addressing students, he violently attacked Quisling's contention that King Haakon was illegally elected, and was wildly applauded. This caused his arrest.

Further serious anti-Quisling demonstrations by students are reported from Oslo.

CLIMBED GAOL ROOF, FELL

Climbing the roof of one of the prison buildings at Dartmoor early in the morning, a prisoner ripped some slates from the roof and smashed three of the skylights.

Suddenly he disappeared through one of them.

Many people from the main road witnessed the incident.

SEAVACUEES' FREE SCHOOL

Britain's child evacuees will not be charged school fees in Boston. The chairman of the City's School Committee announced that the fee usually charged non-residents for tuition at City schools would be dropped for Britain's refugee children staying with Boston families. — Associated Press.

LIGHT BOMBS ON LONDON

AS A RULE NAZI RAIDERS ARE USING LIGHT CALIBRE BOMBS IN THEIR ATTACKS ON LONDON.

Of the thousands of bombs which have been dropped, by far the greater number range in weight from 25 to 100 pounds. A small percentage are of the 250 pounds calibre.

A few "thousand pounders" which have been dropped on docks are believed to be the heaviest type Germany possesses. They are, however, regarded by experts as uneconomical, and Germany has few aircraft capable of carrying them.

There is a general impression that Germany is using the smaller type of bombs primarily with a view to causing as much fright and inconvenience as possible to civilian population and industrial workers over a wide area.

STILL OPEN — DESPITE BOMB

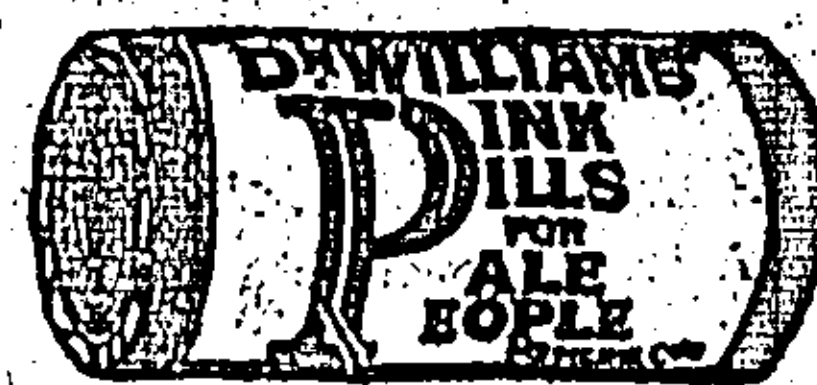
"Established 1628 — still open," so runs a notice outside bomb damaged premises in a S.E. district.



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BRIDGE NOTES

REFUSING A FINESSE

By The Four Aces

To-day's hand is really pretty elementary, but we happened to see a pretty good player "mull" it, so there must be more point to it than we think:

South, Dealer
East-West Vulnerable

♠ K 10 8 5
♥ Q J 8 4 3
♦ 7 6 4
♣ Q

♠ A 4
♥ 10 9
♦ K 8 5 3 2
♣ 10 8 7 3

♠ 7 6 2
♥ A K 5
♦ J 10 9
♣ J 6 5 2

♠ Q J 9 3
♥ 7 6 2
♦ A Q
♣ A K 0 4

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♠	Pass

West opened the Ace of trumps and continued with his other trump. South's h trump winning with the nine. Declarer then led a heart, West played the ten, and East took his King. When East returned the Jack of diamonds, South made the mistake of finessing.

And there, of course, went the game, for another heart trick had to be lost. South's excuse was that he thought the hearts were badly split.

That, of course, was entirely beside the point. If the hearts were badly split — that is, if three heart losers were unavoidable — the contract was unmakeable. But South was not vulnerable and had not been doubled, so his proper course was to disregard the risk of being set two tricks in order to preserve the best chance for the contract.

South's correct play is to put up the diamond Ace, cash the club Queen, get back to his own hand by drawing East's last trump, and discard dummy's diamonds on the Ace and King of clubs. Then another heart lead establishes dummy's suit and the rest is easy.

Saturday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ K Q 5 3
♥ A 7 5
♦ 4 3 2
♣ 8 6 4

The bidding:

Maker	Jacoby	Schenken	Pass
1♥	Pass	Pass	(?)

ANSWER: Bid two hearts. You can't be sure whether your hand is worth one or two responses. The raise will give your partner a chance to indicate whether or not he has a good hand.

Score 100% for two hearts; 60% for one spade; 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 584

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ Q 5 3 2
♥ Q 0 6 4
♦ Q 7 5 4

The bidding:

Maker	Schenken	Male	You
1NT,	2♠	Pass	(?)

What do you bid? (ANSWER tomorrow.)

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LONDON'S SPIRIT IS UNBROKEN

Londoners are "hopping mad, but are showing no signs of defeatism." That is the message a correspondent (quoted by Reuter) sent to New York.

For nights now the Nazi vengeance raiders have tried to break the spirit of London. And they have failed—dismally.

Londoners have set their teeth; they can grin and bear it. In their thousands they waited patiently at suburban stations to find out what facilities were available to take them to business.

No matter how packed were railway carriages, it always seemed possible to make room for one more. In many London streets a great army trekked on foot to office and workshop.

Communal Vehicles

Sometimes they paused to catch a glimpse of heaped debris that was once a building. Then they passed on.

For the most part, trains were running from the outer suburbs of points within reach of the centre of London, the from these workers had to devise their own means of transport.

The majority walked, and those who remembered byways which were discovered during the general strike fourteen years ago reaped the advantage, for they were able to get away from traffic hold-ups and keep clear of the busier routes.

Some hired taxis, but as the demand far exceeded the supply parties were often formed of those going to a certain area, and the

REFUGEES DON'T MIND THE RAIDS

French, Belgian and Dutch refugees in London are not as a rule much alarmed by the air raids.

These, they say, are nothing to what they have endured in their own countries. Not because the scale of the raids is not considerable, but because their defence is so powerful.

In their own countries the Nazis did as they pleased because there was no effective defence. There they watched with utter helplessness the spectacle of the German dive-bombers bombing and machine-gunning terrorised crowds.

Confidence in Barrage

"It is so different in London," they say. By day most of the raiders are kept away; those which do reach the capital have to keep height and clear off at full speed from our fighters.

By night the terrific barrage gives the refugees the confidence they never knew at home.

To that confidence is added the resolution of Londoners and the development of shelter protection already far surpassing anything these exiles had in their homelands.

MOTHERS ANNOYED

After leaving two of her children in the United States and the other two in Canada for the duration, Mrs. Ruth Drummond, of Bedford, is returning to England to help beat Hitler.

"We have another two months of hard work, and then we'll start pushing them back," said Mrs. Drummond before she left Trenton, New Jersey.

"We're prepared to live in the ruins of our houses," she declared.

"They can't break our spirit. We're angry."

Mrs. Drummond has left Ivor, aged seven, and Lucille, six, to the care of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Gould, magazine editors, of Trenton.

Commissioner Host

Her other two children, Anne, aged eleven, and Elizabeth, aged nine, are the guests of Mrs. Iris Leeming, Girl Guide Commissioner, in Toronto.

vehicle was shared on a communal basis.

Because of the unusually heavy pressure, buses, taxis and cars were only able to crawl down the Strand and Fleet Street at what is normally the peak period. The congestion was made worse because the raids had affected Covent Garden.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



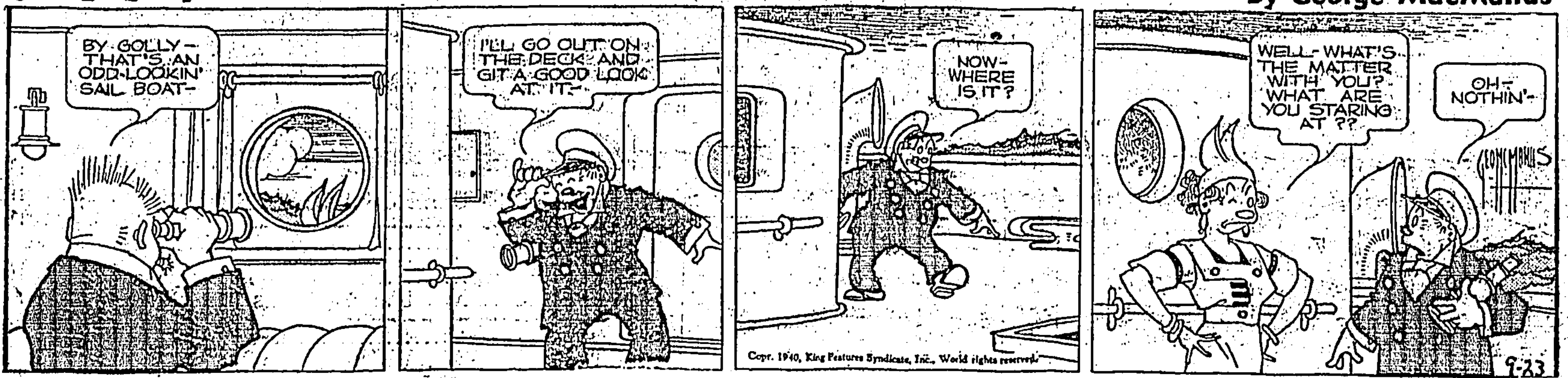
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Then all there is to do is to stuff him firmly with cottonwool and sew him up.

Material required.—1oz. red wool for pullover, 1oz. sky blue for trousers, 1oz. dark blue for head, small quantity of white wool, 1 pair No. 10 Stratacid knitting needles.

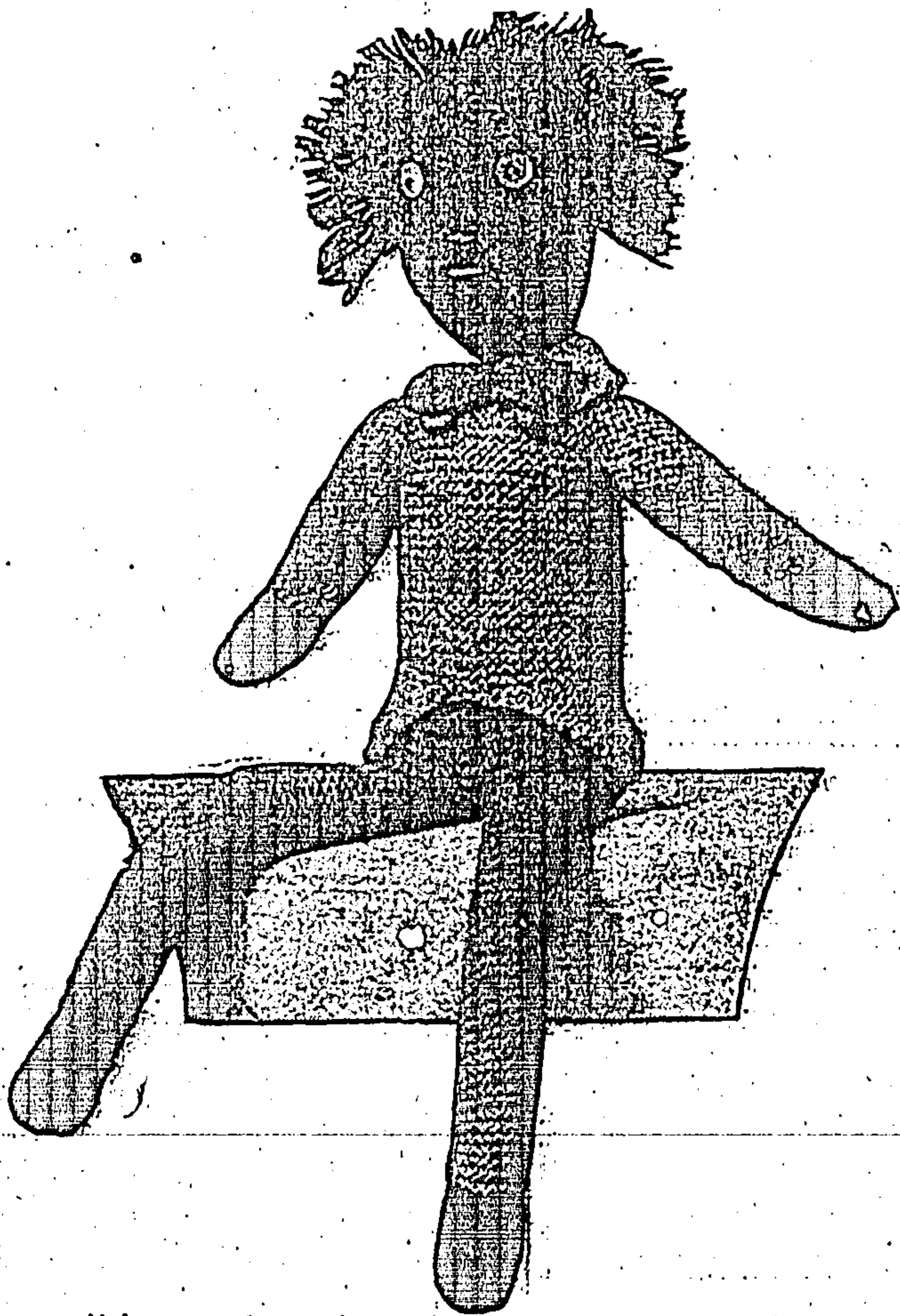
Red Pullover

BACK.—Cast on 30 sts. in red wool and knit 5½ in. in garter st. Cast on 20 sts. at beginning of the next two rows for sleeves.

Knit 2 in. Then cast off 7 sts. at beginning of next two rows, and 14 sts. at beginning of the 2 following rows. Knit one row, cast off 28 sts.

FRONT.—Cast on 6 sts., knit 1 row. At beginning of next row, cast on 1 st., next row knit. Repeat these two rows until there are 15 sts. on needle. Break off wool.

Work another piece to correspond, then knit across the two



He's sure of a welcome in his red pullover and sky blue trousers.

pieces and work as for the back, except that 28 sts. must be cast off instead of 14 for the last two rows, therefore finally cast off 10 sts.

Sew the shoulders together (back and front) and knit on the end of each sleeve about 1 in. dark blue wool for the hands, decreasing 1 st. each end of the needle. Cast off.

Sky Blue Trousers

Cast on 30 sts. with sky blue wool. Knit 2 in.; then a further inch, decreasing 2 sts. at both sides of each row. There should now be 20 sts. on needle.

Knit for the front of each leg 10 sts. 4 in. long, and 2 in. with dark blue wool for the feet. Cast off.

Repeat the same pattern for the backs of the trousers. Sew the two halves together.

Golly's Head

With dark blue wool, cast on 10 sts. Increase 1 st. at each end of every row until there are 14 sts. Then decrease 1 st. at each end until there are 14 sts. Make another piece the same for the back. Sew both pieces together, but not the neck.

For the hair pull threads of wool of equal length through the seam at the top of the head, and knot.

Sew white buttons on to the face, with sky blue wool for the eyes. The nose and mouth are embroidered in red wool.

The Collar

With white wool cast on 40 sts. Decrease 1 st. on every row until there are 12 sts. Cast off.

BOW.—With white wool cast on 20 sts. and knit 7 rows, cast off. To Make Up.—Stuff the head, pullover and trousers with cotton wool. Sew the pullover on to the head and trousers. Stitch on the collar, make a knot in the bow and stitch it to the collar, and the jolly Gollywog is finished.

Eyes Bright

HERE are some complaints which have been cropping up regularly lately: "Eyes somehow feel smaller", "lids crepey and discoloured", "tired-looking eyes", "lashes poor and dropping out a lot."

They're all cases of "war-eyes." Nervous strain shows more quickly round the eyes than on any other part of the face.

If there's pain or serious inflammation you should consult an oculist, of course. They might be caused by something more complicated than "war-eyes." But straightforward cases of this kind can be dealt with quite simply.

First, the eyes need baths in a good lotion. Exercises, too, are essential, and as they can be done at any time during the day and almost anywhere we can all manage to fit them in.

You'll find a daily eye-massage treatment a great comfort, also. Ten minutes of it freshens the nerves up wonderfully.

And now to do away with the outward evidence of "war-eyes." After bathing the eyes and exercising them, carefully dry the lids.

Then apply to them with a brush a small quantity of an oil which will make up the diminished lubrication to full quota.

Work the oil gently into the lids with the fingers for a few minutes—being careful not to get any into the tear duct opening in the corner of the eye. It'll smelt, if you do,



Now put a drop of the oil on first finger and thumb and gently pull the eyelashes, beginning at the inner corner of the lid.

On the top lids the movement should be outward and upward; on the lower downward and outward. It's the best treatment possible for them.

Finally, apply a little more oil to the eyelash roots and to the lashes themselves.

The lids will, soon, become smooth and white, and the lashes will shoot up—thick, silky, long.

I'd advise the use of a little special protective shadow on the lids. You can put it on so that it won't show if you don't want it to. And it will prevent the oils from drying out during the day.

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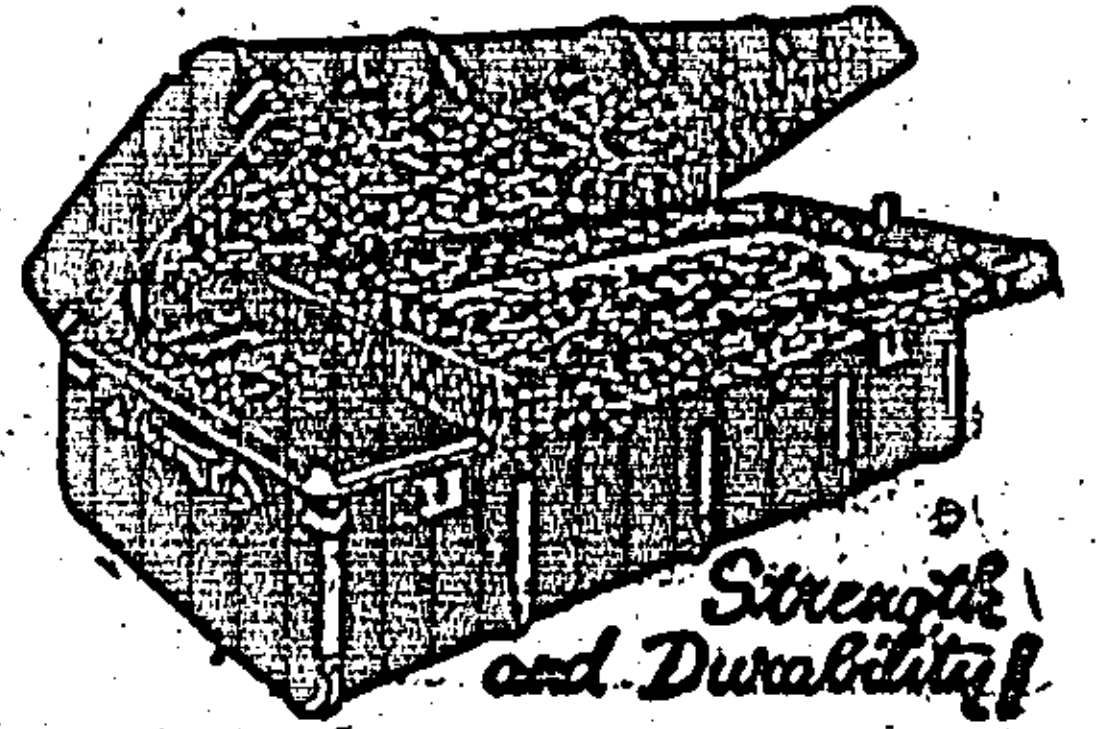
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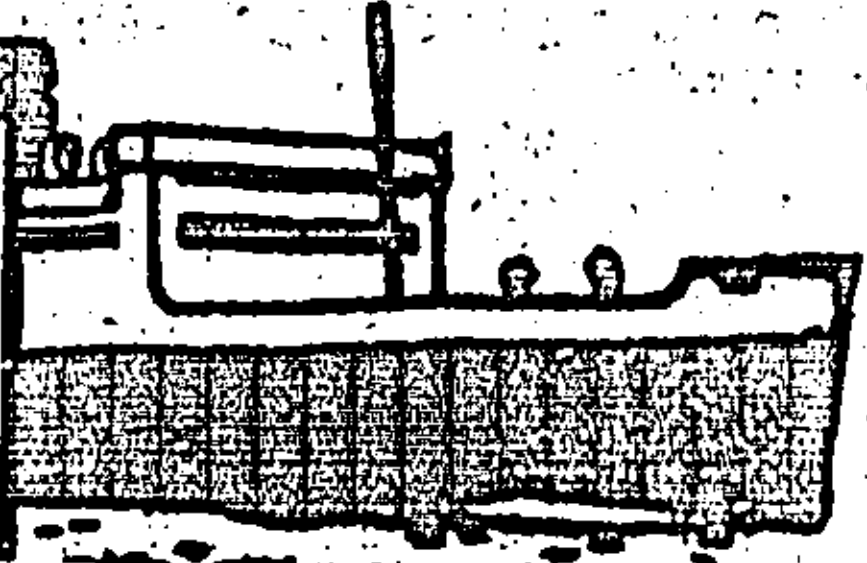
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1.45 p.m.—Variety, with Ernest Jones; Bing Crosby and the Mills Brothers; Terence Casey and Walsh and Barker.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

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7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 p.m.—Old Time Variety.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

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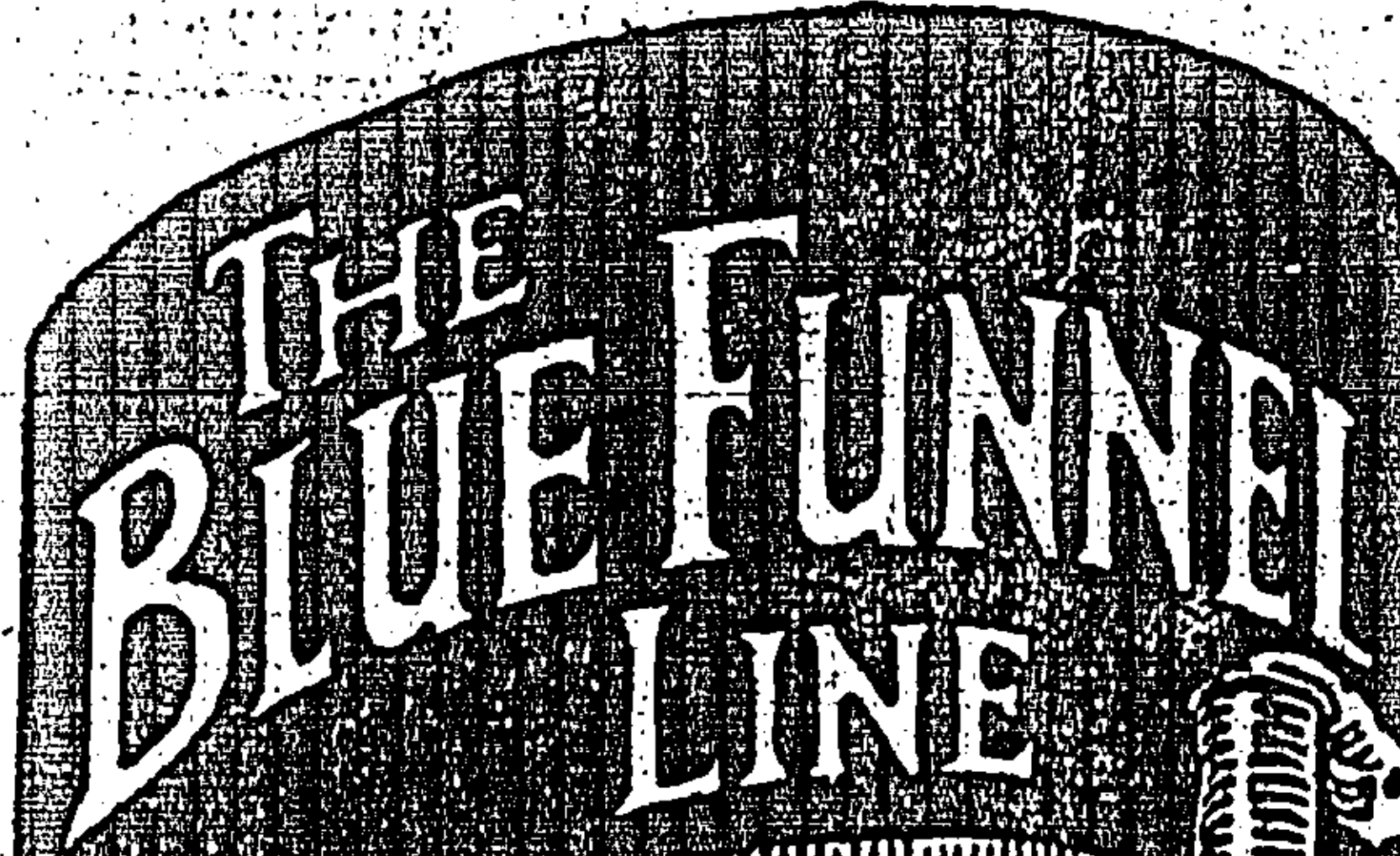
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ANOTHER GRAND RALLY IN CLOSING MINUTES

Sing Tao Score Twice In Last 6 Minutes

Gift Goal Scored By Fung King-cheong

By "Referee"

AFTER OUTPLAYING SING TAO IN THE FIRST HALF, DURING WHICH THEY SCORED TWO GOALS WITHOUT REPLY, EASTERN TOOK THINGS MUCH TOO EASILY IN THE SECOND PERIOD AND PAID THE PENALTY BY BEING FORCED TO A TWO-ALL DRAW, SING TAO STAGING A SENSATIONAL RECOVERY TO SCORE THEIR GOALS IN THE PENALTY OF BEING FORCED TO A TWO-ALL DRAW, WHEN SING TAO STAGED A SENSATIONAL RECOVERY TO SCORE THEIR GOALS IN THE LAST SIX MINUTES OF THE GAME. THEY APPLIED SUCH HEAVY PRESSURE IN THE CLOSING STAGES THAT EASTERN WERE IN DANGER OF DEFEAT WHEN THE FINAL WHISTLE SOUNDED. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT IN THEIR MATCH AGAINST SOUTH CHINA SING TAO ALSO STAGED A SPECTACULAR RALLY IN THE CLOSING MINUTES TO SHARE THE POINTS.

There was no doubt as to the superiority of Eastern in the first half, and also for the greater part of the second period. Only Cheong Wing-choy, in Sing Tao's goal, prevented Eastern from obtaining a bigger lead. He saved two certain goals with clever anticipation and positioning.

Ip Pak-wah and Lau Ting-sang were absent from the Sing Tao team while Lo Wai-kuen was replaced in the Eastern intermediate line by Ng Kee-cheong. Ying Shee came into the back line, partnered by Kong Sing-king.

These changes made little difference to both teams. Lau Tau-man played a fairly good game on the left wing and followed the instructions given him by centring every time he gained possession. Had he used his own initiative more and cut in when opportunity arose, he might have been a bigger threat to the opposing defence. Chui Ah-fai, in the Sing Tao defence, had an off day. He was slow and his passing left much to be desired. Leung Wing-shui, at right half, was also off colour and it was fortunate for Sing Tao that Soong Ling-sing, in the pivotal position, was up to form. Even then he had all his work cut out to cope with the nippy Eastern inside forwards, though in the closing stages of the game he was prominent with some clever feeding and was indirectly responsible for his team sharing the spoils.

Lee's Off Day

Lee Ting-sang had an unhappy afternoon at left back for Sing Tao. He was badly rattled by the fast Chung Yung-sum and Chang Kam-hoi, and was directly responsible for Eastern's first goal, also contributing to the second which followed a foul against Chang.

Fung King-cheong played a brilliant game in the first half and did not seem to have his usual dash. His passing was also at fault and he seemed content in most cases to send the ball to Lau Tau-man or Tang Kwong-sum, the wingers.

Lai and Kwok were just two players in the forward line in the first half. Both could not do anything against the Eastern defence and were very subdued.

The star man of the Eastern team was Hsu King-seng at centre-half. He relieved many a dangerous situation by his tackling and played an extremely calm game even when heavily pressed.

Fine Defensive Game

Ng Kee-cheong, at left half, gave a fine exhibition of defensive play, using his head to the greatest advantage and having Tang Kwong-sum covered throughout. Few defenders can use the head to greater advantage than Ng, and on his display yesterday he must be seriously considered for the "big" games.

Hui and Tao in the forward line showed good ball control and often had the Sing Tao defence spreadeagled with their accurate passing and positional play. It was only Cheong Wing-choy who prevented them from scoring.

Hau Ching-tao was as usual dangerous on the left wing. He scored a good goal, and sent in many stinging shots which were saved by Cheong.

Lau Hing-hon, in Eastern's goal, played a sound game in the first half and for the greater part of the second half. He was unfortunate when he erred in throwing the ball to Fung King-cheong who scored the equalising goal in the closing minutes of the game.

While Eastern appeared to have had the game in hand from the start, they might have played home their advantage on several occasions but their forwards, in the second half, slackened. It is to Sing Tao's credit, however, that when all seemed lost, they persevered and earned the point which is valuable to them.

The game started with Eastern pressing and a few minutes from the start Hui placed them in the lead when Lee Ting-sang mis-kicked. A few minutes later Eastern increased their lead through Hau Ching-tao, who scored following a free kick.

Grand Saves

Cheong Wing-choy then came into the limelight when he saved a goal from a free kick taken by Hau, and shortly after, he cleared from the goal line with Hau in close attendance.

At the other end Fung missed with a header when well placed and Kwok just kicked the cross bar. Lai Shui-wing had a powerful shot smothered.

In the second half Sing Tao were on the defensive for some time but took the initiative late in the game. Lai Shui-wing forced a corner and Lau Tau-man sent in a beautiful shot which was headed in by Kwok who beat Lau all the way.

Defeated by this success Sing Tao applied pressure and forced several corners. Lai Shui-

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AND GOAL-SCORERS

Following were yesterday football results and goal-scorers.

FIRST DIVISION

Eastern 2 Sing Tao 2
V. K. Hui and Kwok Ying-kee
Hau Ching-to and Fung King-cheong.

SECOND DIVISION

Engineers 8 R. Navy 0
Lee Wai-lam
(4) Fox 2 and Pelham (2).

THIRD DIVISION

Service Corps 0 24th R.A. 2
Mason and Read
86th R.A. 1 7th R.A. 0

wing broke through but in attempting to steady himself was robbed. The equalising goal came through Fung King-cheong.

Lau Hing-hon, Eastern's goal keeper, hard pressed, unfortunately threw the ball to Fung who, with a well-placed kick, sent the leather into the net.

Sing Tao were pressing when he final whistle sounded.

EASTERN—Lau Hing-hon; Kong Seng-king and Yip See; Lau Tse-chen; Hsu King-seng and Ng Kee-cheong; Chung Yung-sum, Chang Kam-hoi, V. Y. Hui, C. T. Tao and Hau Ching-to.

SING TAO—Cheong Wing-choy; Lee Ting-sang and Hau Yung-sang; Leung Wing-chui, Soong Ling-sing and Chui Ah-fai; Tang Kwong-sum, Fung King-cheong, Kwok Ying-kee, Lai Shui-wing and Lau Tau-man.

STONOR AND MURRAY IN BIG STAND

A big unbroken partnership between Stonor and Murray which realised 85 runs, gave R.A.P.C. a big win over 12th Hvy. Regiment, R.A., yesterday.

Stonor hit seven fours in his 53 not out, and Murray six in his 42 not out. Murray also bowled well.

12TH R.A.

Denton, b. Murray 27
Watson, b. Murray 12
Gent Singh, b. Murray 3
Horne, c. Chalcraft, b. Murray 0
Keeble, b. Murray 9
Gadd, b. Benford 7
Archer, c. Pendergast, b. Benford 0
Heslop, c. Stone, b. Pinkney 0
Downes, not out 19
Ingleby, run out 10
Martin, c. Murray, b. Benford 10
Extras (W2, B15) 17

Total 114

Bowling Analysis
O. M. R. W.
Chalcraft 0 1 28 0
Murray 8 0 33 5
Benford 6 0 23 3
Pinkney 5 0 18 1

POLICE ATHLETIC MEETING

"Ideal weather conditions favoured the First Annual Asiatic Athletic Sports Meeting held by the Police on their ground at Boundary Street, yesterday afternoon when the large number of spectators, who attended, were treated to some very keen competition.

It must have been disappointing to competitors and spectators alike that no times in track events and distances or heights in the field events were recorded, though the standard in some cases was quite high.

Mrs. G. C. Perdue, wife of the Acting Commissioner of Police, distributed the prizes to various winners of the day.

Mr. Perdue, at the conclusion of the programme, thanked the Committee for arranging the Meeting and the competitors for giving him and his wife such an enjoyable afternoon's sport.

Mr. Perdue hoped that every member of the Indians and Chinese in the Force would, from this date, use the ground every day in order to help the Force to send out teams as good as any in the Colony to take part in athletic meetings.

Following are the detailed results:—
100 Yards (Antennae)—1, C135; 2, C300 and 3, C003.

100 Yards (Indians)—1, B560; 2, B016 and 3, B789.

100 Yards (Water Police)—1, W76; 2, W08 and 3, W123.

400 Yards (C.S.I.)—1, Fung Shu-lung; 2, Ip Man-wai and 3, Ho Shu-luen.

220 Yards (All Contingents)—1, Fung Shu-lung (C.S.I.); 2, B016; 3, C135 and 4, Ho Shu-luen (C.S.I.).

440 Yards (All Contingents)—1, B560; 2, B28 and 3, B016.

High Jump (All Contingents)—1, Ng Kok-hung (C.S.I.); 2, B091 and 3, Ip Man-wai (C.S.I.).

Obstacle Race (All Contingents)—1, W120; 2, W167 and 3, C085.

Sack Race (All Contingents)—1, B401; 2, B016 and 3, C339.

One Mile (All Contingents)—1, B767; 2, C300 and 3, B337.

Long Jump (All Contingents)—1, B016; 2, B560 and 3, Cheng Ka-chung (C.S.I.).

Putting the Shot (Indians)—1, B389; 2, B401 and 3, B767.

Putting the Shot (Chinese)—1, Ng Kok-hung (C.S.I.); 2, D197 and 3, D269.

Tug of War (Indians)—1, Indian constables Nos. 74, 199, 389, 230, 364, 440, 481 and 622; 2, Indian constables Nos. 789, 560, 276, 230, 437, 46, 249 and 718.

Tug of War (Chinese)—1, (Welsh) constables Nos. D33, 290, 197, 303, 302, 248, 272 and 296; 2, (Water Police) constables Nos. W164, 52, 41, 22, 107, 20, 120 and 549.

Relay Race (Indians)—Winning Team B500, B016, B789 and B28.

Relay Race (Chinese)—Winning Team Ho Shu-luen (C.S.I.), C135, C349 and C003.

Throwing the Cricket Ball (All Contingents)—1, B767; 2, C300 and 3, B337.

Following are the best individuals among their respective Contingents and the names in the bracket are showing the donors of the respective Cuns:—

Indians—B500 (A.S.P. Mr. E. C. Luscombe).

Cantonese—C135 (Mr. T. O. Tan).

Welsh—Welsh Contingents—D197 (C.I. H.K. Mr. W. H. Chester-Woods).

Water Police—W76 (A.S.P. K. Mr. F. E. Booker).

Chinese Sub-Inspectors—Fung Shu-lung and Ng Kok-hung (A.S.P. Mr. H. E. Marks). Note—These two competitors secured same amount of points and a toss was offered to decide the final winner and subsequently the former found his luck.

One Mile Cup—B767 (A.D.C.I. Mr. F. W. Shaffat).

R.A.P.C.

Stonor, not out 53

Whitton, b. Downes 5

Heddingham, l.b.w., b. Denton 4

Murray, not out 42

Extras (BII) 11

Total (for 2 wks.) 115

Pendergast, Chalcraft, Benford, Stone, Carden, Pinkney, and Smart did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

O. M. R. W.

Denton 11 0 50 1

Downes 7 1 23 1

Ingleby 3 0 31 0

MACAO SWEEPS

Results of the sweepstake at yesterday's meeting of the Macao Jockey Club were:

Race No. 1

No. 65 \$247.00

421 70.00

197 35.20

Unplaced ponies (\$7.00 each):

Nos. 172, 423, 120, 230.

Race No. 2

No. 240 \$239.50

173 74.10

469 37.10

Unplaced ponies (\$20.00 each):

Nos. 20, 212.

Race No. 3

No. 90 \$221.10

107 83.10

169 41.00

Unplaced ponies (\$23.10 each):

Nos. 140, 4.

Race No. 4

No. 160 \$204.40

222 58.40

164 29.20

Unplaced pony (\$32.40): No. 433.

Race No. 5

No. 18279 \$5,674.43

1224 2,478.40

4209 1,239.20

Unplaced ponies (\$125.17 each):

Nos. 21067, 19739, 19336, 1743, 9109, 22581, 11306, 10376, 10013, 13016, 5244.

Race No. 6

No. 75 \$294.00

17 83.00

149 42.00

Unplaced pony (\$23.30) No. 117.

HONG CHOY'S

FINE

BOWLING

Despite a gallant effort by Hong Choy who took 7 wickets at exactly 9 runs apiece, Engineers lost to Arts & Science by 7 wickets in an inter-Faculty match on the Pokfulam ground yesterday.

The losers batted last but were dismissed for a paltry 58, thanks to some steady bowling by Lo and Cheung.

Losing their first wicket without any runs being scored, Arts & Science recovered somewhat when Mazuza and A. Ahmed put on 25 for the second wicket and the required runs were knocked off after only three wickets had fallen; the scores being:—

ENGINEERS

G. Hong Choy, b. Mazuza 0
K. S. Lien, b. Lo 2
Lee Hon Fong, c. and b. Matthews 15
F. W. Kuaim, b. Lo 4
Lam Yui Tack, b. Lo 0
W. H. Fong, b. Matthews 22
Ho Hon-fah, b. Cheung 6
V. Vorabloff, b. Cheung 0
B. W. Hankin, b. Cheung 0
Hukam Singh, not out 0
Tao Fook-sing, run out 0
Extras (B5, W4) 9

Total 58

Bowling Analysis

O. M. R. W.
Mazuza 4 2 8 1
Lo 4 0 17 3
Cheung 3 4 0 10 3
Matthews 3 1 14 2

ARTS & SCIENCE

A. Ho, b. Hong Choy 0
A. Ahmed, b. Hong Choy 14
F. Mazuza, b. Hong Choy 28
F. Ahmed, b. Hong Choy 1
O. V. Cheung, b. Hong Choy 10
C. K. Lee, b. Hong Choy 15
I. H. V. Kerr, b. Hong Choy 2
L. Sung, c. and b. Lee 4
K. Lo, b. Fong 14
T. C. Park, b. Lee 4
C. N. Matthews, not out 25
Extras (B5, LB3, W1) 12

Total 127

Bowling Analysis

O. M. R. W.
Hong Choy 12 0 63 7
Fong 4 1 17 1
Lee 4 5 1 20 2
Ho 2 0 7 0

Competition between the "Stay-bulls" and "Sent-Aways" at C.S.C. is getting so keen that there are prospects of a football match being arranged between the two sides. It has been suggested that this game be held on the morning after the Xmas Eve celebrations.

Lieut. Ansari, who has kept wicket for Army 2nd XI in a few of their cricket matches, has decided that owing to lack of facilities for practice, he will not be playing any more cricket this season. It is a pity as he was just getting used to the light here.

The two Pile brothers, Tommy and Chris, met in the final of the billiards championship of the P.O. Club recently, Tom winning by a narrow margin. The snooker tournament at this club is just under way.



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By "Adrem"

Poor batting by the losers, fair bowling on the part of the Kowloon Cricket Club trundlers, and keen fielding, gave Kowloon Cricket Club an easy seven-wicket victory over Army in a friendly whole-day cricket match at Cox's Road yesterday.

Kowloon's bowling was steady enough, and the "dunce's" Cap was not produced once in the course of the game, but for the most part Army batsmen had only themselves to blame for their poor showing.

Logan flicked a fast long-hop from Francis Zimmermann straight into the safe hands of Teddy Fincher at third slip early on and Bateman, who was shaping promisingly, called for a foolish run and was run out to start a rot which a partnership between Webb and Tropp partially redeemed but nevertheless Army were all out just before lunch for 92.

Lloyd Bowls Well

Zimmermann met with scant success in his first spell, when he took one wicket at a cost of 21 runs, but he improved in his second spell to take 3 for 11 and finish with 4 for 32. Although only taking one wicket, Lloyd was the best bowler on the side, his fighting keeping the batsmen in difficulties.

Curtis took three wickets, including that of Major Grose, but his analysis of 3 for 21 was definitely flattering!

Tropp played a gallant innings for Army, never indulging in anything spectacular but revealing a solid defence when defensive play was necessary and dealing effectively with the loose stuff when the occasion presented itself.

Welele was aggressive and was always looking for the loose ball.

K.C.C. had scored 18 runs when Anderson, who was shaping confidently, was brilliantly taken in the slips by Logan, who shot out his left hand to hold a quick chance.

Winning Partnership

Ernie Fincher's was the next wicket to fall, French securing it via the l.b.w. route with 35 runs on the board. Hung, who had been batting stolidly, was then joined by Mackay and when the former was caught by Tropp off Fargus, Kowloon's total was only five short of their opponents', and these runs were secured without further loss, the winning run coming as the result of a wide bowled by Fargus.

Hung had a five (four overthrows) and three boundaries in his 33, and Mackay hit six fours in his 29 not out.

Fargus bowled steadily for the Soldiers and was always difficult

to get away, while French, although only taking one wicket, proved to be a bowler of exceptional ability, his leg-spinners and clever fighting having the K.C.C. batsmen in trouble for most of the time.

The serious part of the match was finished by 3.30 and both sides then batted for an hour each. Army scoring 139 for 8 and K.C.C. 140 for 7. The cricket at this stage, however, was not very clever as one of the provisions was that no bowler, who had performed in the opening part of the match, was allowed to bowl again.

ARMY

L/Cpl. C. Logan, c E. C. Fincher, b Zimmermann 0
b Zimmermann 0
Capt. J. F. Lawrence, l.b.w., b Lloyd 2
Lloyd 2
Pte. Bateman, run out 1
Sgt. Webb, c Rapley, b Anderson 27
Spr. Tropp, not out 24
Major D. C. E. Grose, b Curtis 1
Capt. Fielden, b Curtis 0
Sgt. Denyer, b Zimmermann 18
Sgt. French, c Curtis, b Zimmermann 1

2/Lt. B. A. Fargus, b Zimmermann 0
Spr. Bailey, l.b.w., b Curtis 3
Extras (B15) 15

Total 92

Bowling Analysis

O. M. R. W.
F. R. Zimmermann 8. 1. 32. 4
Lloyd 8. 1. 21. 1
Anderson 2. 0. 3. 1
Curtis 4. 0. 21. 3

KOWLOON C.C.

D. J. N. Anderson, c Logan, b Fargus 15
D. Hung, c Tropp, b Fargus 33
E. F. Fincher, l.b.w., b French 10
N. A. E. Mackay, not out 29
A. Zimmermann, not out 5
Extras (WB1) 1

Total (for 3 wks.) 93

F. R. Zimmermann, E. C. Fincher, W. L. Rapley, N. D. Lloyd, S. A. Gray and E. Curtis did not bat.

YESTERDAY'S SOFTBALL RESULTS

GIRLS

Wildcats 29, Chung Hwa 3.
Cardinals 42, Las Florinas 0.
Canuckettes 11, Panthers 3.

MEN

First Division:

St. Joseph's 5, Canucks 2.
H.K. Baseball Club 7, Ch. B.C. 8.

Second Division:

Royal Engineers 2, V.R.C. 18.
Central British 0, R.A. 7.

INTER-HONG

Lacas 8, Greensports 3.
Texaco 4, Shell 20.

Bowling Analysis:

O. M. R. W.
Fargus 7.7. 0. 24. 2
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Bateman 4. 1. 13. 0
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FLY-HALF HOLD-UP IN BOTH TEAMS

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With Carter at fly-half Navy would probably have beaten the seriously weakened Club team in the Quadrangular Rugby Tournament on Saturday—it will be recalled that Navy were the only team to beat Club in the Triangular Tournament last season.

O'Riordan lacked the necessary initiative for a successful fly-half, and it was here that the Navy attack fell down, despite inspired support by the pack.

Morgan played extremely well at scrum-half, but Club missed Thomson's enterprise so badly that they were almost beaten before the game started. They had their opportunities, but Aitkenhead had an off day at fly-half, and their fast wingers were sadly neglected. Club forwards also struck a poor patch and were unconvincing.

Army made short work of Police, despite fielding a greatly depleted fifteen, and their chance of winning the Tournament are now very rosy.

ITALIAN SUPPLY SHIPS BOMBED OFF ALBANIAN COAST

MACAO FIXES RICE PRICES

Following the example set by the Hong Kong Government, the Macao authorities issued an order on Saturday stabilising the prices of different grades of rice.—Our Own Correspondent.

CARNARVON CASTLE IN URUGUAY

Ambulances sent to remove wounded from the armed merchant cruiser Carnarvon Castle when she arrived in Montevideo proved unnecessary as the injured, most of them only slightly hurt, are remaining on board.

Captain Hardy, commanding Carnarvon Castle, told Reuter the dead were buried at sea.

It is understood Captain Hardy has requested permission to remain 48 hours in Montevideo, in accordance with International Law, to carry out repairs.

The Uruguayan naval author-

DIRECT HIT ON STERN

A DIRECT HIT on the stern of one ship and many near misses were observed by the crews of R.A.F. bombers which are officially stated to have attacked Italian shipping off the Albanian coast on Saturday.

A raid was carried out on Valona in bad weather conditions and against heavy enemy fighter opposition.

All bombs fell in the target area but the results could not be observed.

New Italian air losses were recorded in an R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

One fighter among strong patrols trying to defend Valona in the R.A.F. raid was shot down.

It is now confirmed that of three Italian bombers which attempted to raid Bura, in Kenya, on November 22, only one es-

caped from British fighters. One bomber, it is now established, made a forced landing 60 miles from Bura.

Four of the crew were captured and the fifth was killed.

The second bomber was shot down in flames.

Various reconnaissance flights were carried out over enemy territory on all fronts, besides the raids on Saturday on shipping off the Albanian coast and on Valona. — Reuter.

It is believed to have recommended permission for a stay of 72 hours.

Members of the crew of the Carnarvon Castle were wildly cheered as they went ashore. — Reuter.

BRITISH DEALINGS WITH SPAIN

Further British assistance to Spain was announced yesterday.

Following the signing of a financial agreement, Britain is granting facilities for the shipment of 6,000 tons of manganese ore to Spain, 3,000 tons of which, badly needed for Spain's steel industry, will be sent from India.

The same ship has been authorised to carry a large quantity of jute for Spain.

Britain has purchased Spain's entire crop of bitter oranges and negotiations are now proceeding for a large purchase of sweet oranges.

Britain is also studying the possibility of making a large quantity of wheat available to Spain and it is likely that difficulties which have arisen over the export of seed potatoes from England and Eire will be overcome. — Reuter.

NAZI PLUNDER IN FRANCE

GERMANY'S PLUNDERING OF FRANCE'S ROLLING STOCK HAS LED TO MOST OF THE TRANSPORT DIFFICULTIES VICHY IS ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT.

A Vichy broadcast yesterday urged industrialists not to delay in the handling of rolling stock. There is to be a premium for handling rolling stock on Sundays and holidays and also for slow handling.

The broadcast said that transport was the key to France's problem of food supplies and raw materials — but did not mention that Germany has seized over half of France's rolling stock. — Reuter.

ITALIAN POST BOMBARDED

British artillery in the Sudan hammered away at Italian positions on Saturday.

Loud explosions were heard following what is described in an official communique in Cairo as a "successful shoot" on enemy positions east of Metemma.

British guns were also active in the area north of Kassala.

On other fronts there is no change in the situation to report, the communique adds.—Reuter.

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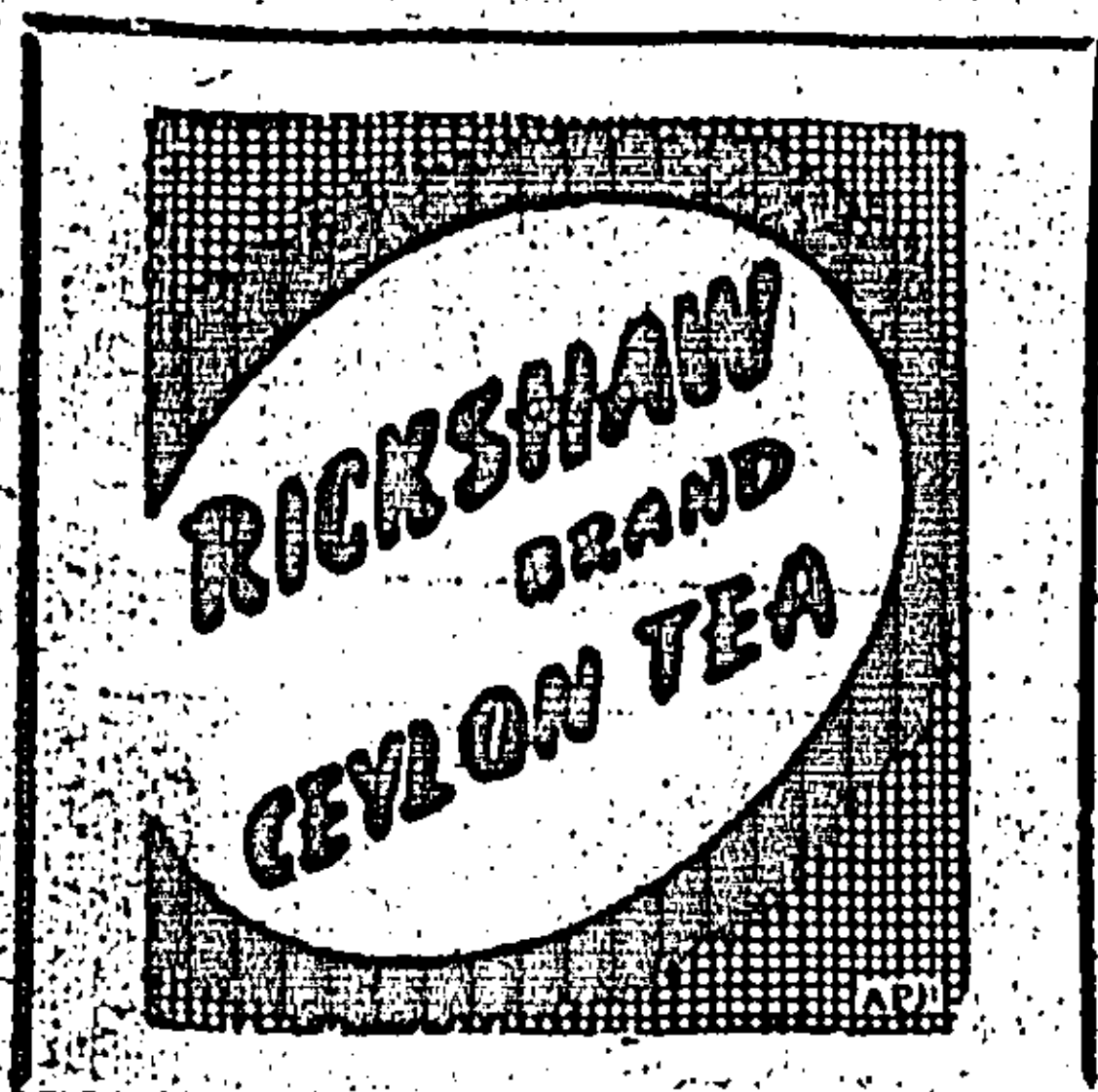
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STRANGE RESPITE IN AIR BLITZKRIEG

Italian Generals Killed In Air Crash

Two Italian generals were killed on Saturday when the military plane carrying members of the Italian armistice commission which had been negotiating with France, crashed at Bareacque, in the province of Piedmont, it was revealed in Rome yesterday.

They were General Pietro Pinno, General of the Air Force, and General Pellegini.

The plane was flying from Rome to Turin at the time of the crash, the cause of which has not yet been established.—Reuter.

DUSSELDORF BLASTED

PRELIMINARY REPORTS OF THE R.A.F. RAID ON DUSSELDORF ON SATURDAY NIGHT SHOW IT WAS AS HEAVY AND DESTRUCTIVE AS THE ATTACK ON THE CITY LAST WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

Visibility was good and pilots had no difficulty in recognising the targets — blast furnaces, steel works, gas works, railway yards and the inland port.

Roofs caved in under the weight of bombs and explosions tore walls of several steel works wide open.

One experienced crew said "the largest fires they had ever seen".

MORE SHIPS FOR FRENCH FREE NAVY

More warships will shortly be put into commission for the Free French Navy, it was stated in London yesterday.

These and a number of destroyers, torpedo-boats, submarines, minelayers, minesweepers and patrol boats were inspected by General de Gaulle in naval bases in England.

General de Gaulle also visited a training ship used as the naval academy of the Free French Fleet where future officers are trained. General de Gaulle congratulated Vice-Admiral Muselier, Commander-in-Chief of the Free French Navy, on the work already done and the good spirit shown by officers and crew.—Reuter.

were blazing.

One of Wednesday's targets included an armaments factory.

Ports Battered

Meanwhile details of the R.A.F.'s raid on the French Atlantic ports of Brest and Lorient on Saturday night, when the Luftwaffe was "grounded" for the first time since the opening of the blitz, were issued in London last night.

Brest underwent the most severe battering so far.

At the outset fires were started around the naval school and there followed a vast explosion at the power station.

Like A Forge

One observer described the scene as like a huge blacksmith's forge from which rose showers of what looked like hot metal, mingled with debris of shattered buildings.

Incendiaries and high explosives fell on infantry and naval barracks and buildings in between.—Reuter.

Intense Barrage

The dry dock at Brest was among other targets bombed.

The attacks, from which one aircraft did not return, were carried out through an intense barrage of anti-aircraft fire. Many shells burst so close that the cabins of aircraft were brilliantly illuminated.

During the raid on Lorient fifteen fires were counted in one part of the naval station alone, around the dry dock.

Other objectives included shipbuilding yards and ordnance works. Fires were also started close to U-boat refuelling wharves.—British Wireless.

Much Speculation In London

LONGEST ALL-CLEAR BROKEN

Hardly before dusk had clouded the outlines of London the alert last evening broke the longest all-clear spell—two whole days and one night—the citizens of the capital had experienced since the start of the German air blitz on August 7.

One enemy fighter-bomber was shot down into the Channel early yesterday afternoon.

This was announced in the briefest Air Ministry communication to date, which added: "Otherwise there is nothing to report."

The skies over Britain have been permanently clear of enemy aircraft since Friday night's attack on Bristol—and the R.A.F.'s hammering the same night of Luftwaffe bases in occupied territory.—Reuter.

WHOLESALE PEIPING ARRESTS

The Japanese authorities in Peiping have arrested a large number of persons during a week's house to house search for the murderer of a Japanese colonel last Friday.

Among those arrested, according to Chinese reports, are some policemen stated to have been actually present at the time of the murder.

Questioned why they did not attempt to capture the assassin, the police replied they were armed and could not do anything.

They are reported to have been severely beaten by the Japanese, and some are said to have died from injuries.

Chinese Mutiny

Other Chinese quarters ascribe the "unrelaxed" restrictions on leaving the city and the continued house to house searches to the hunt for Chinese soldiers who mutinied last week.

Some of these men are believed to have taken refuge within the city.—Reuter.

THE STRANGE LULL in German air activity over Britain since Friday night has intrigued British observers. Three reasons are advanced, all speculative, but one or more may have some basis in fact.

Not a little exhausted by four months of continuous day and night raiding over the Channel, Germany may be conserving the strength of her air force for a dramatic new blow against Britain here or in another theatre of war.

Two other reasons find more immediate favour, however.

Probably inter-related, they are the R.A.F.'s eight-hour hammering of Luftwaffe bases in occupied territory on Friday night, and weather conditions on the Continent.

It is the first time that the main weight of the R.A.F.'s night blitz has been directed against aerodromes from which the Luftwaffe raids London, and more recently, English ports and industrial towns.

In the past these have been attacked only when British bomber crews have been unable to locate their primary targets.

Severe Cold

The daring with which the new offensive was carried out may have combined with poor visibility near the ground and severe cold

at high levels to "ground" the Luftwaffe on Saturday night for the first time since August 7.

German crews returning from the latest raid on Bristol were faced with the perilous task of landing on flare paths heavily plastered with high explosive bombs.

It is reasonably certain there were crashes and casualties.

Smashing Attack

Reports of another smashing R.A.F. attack on Saturday night on Nazi industrial targets — and raids on more enemy aerodromes — were read in London yesterday as the capital debated whether it would experience its third successive night without bombs after the black-out.

Up to noon yesterday only one German reconnaissance plane was sighted.—Reuter.



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Mussolini's Re-Shuffle Of Highest Army And Navy Chiefs

Admiral Cavagnari The Scapegoat For Taranto

Admiral Cavagnari, Chief of the Italian Navy Staff, "resigned at his own request" on the same pattern as Marshal Badoglio, Chief of the General Staff of the Italian armed forces, and General Maria de Vecchi, Governor of the Dodecanese Islands.

FIFTH IN FOUR WEEKS

Admiral Cavagnari, who was relieved from his posts of Chief of Naval Staff and Under-Secretary of State for Navy at his own request, is the fifth important man Mussolini has lost in four weeks.

His resignation shows that dissatisfaction at Mussolini's conduct of the war is widespread in the Italian High Command, in the Navy as well as the Army.

The resignations which have followed on the heels of each other in the past three days have caused

This dramatic sequel to Italy's setbacks in the campaign against Greece was first reported from Berlin yesterday and was confirmed from Rome later in the day, a few hours before it was officially confirmed from Athens that Greek forces had occupied Argynokastron, important base in south Albania, left blazing by the retreating Italians.

By Royal Decree, Admiral Arturo Riccardi has been appointed Chief of the Naval Staff and Under-Secretary of State for the Navy, both of which posts Admiral Cavagnari held.

widespread comment in the Press of the world, were they are unanimously taken as a sign of serious discontent with the campaign.

It is considered obvious that their resignations are intended to show that they feel that Mussolini bears full responsibility.

There is widespread speculation as to who will be the next to go — Reuters.

Admiral Inigo Campioni, it was also announced, has become Vice-Chief of Naval Staff, and Admiral Angelo Jacolino, Commander of the fleet at sea.

Admiral Campioni's predecessor is not named, but a few months ago this post was held by Admiral Somigli.

This reshuffle of naval appointments may presage, writes Reuters's diplomatic correspondent, greater activity on the part of the Italian fleet—or at least the promise of it by Mussolini to his ally, Hitler.

A Scapegoat

No doubt Admiral Cavagnari is being used as a scapegoat for the Taranto episode, as the others who resigned were used for the Italian failure in Greece.

Admiral Cavagnari is a good Fascist and a good administrator rather than a good sailor.

It is reported he thought almost as much of the education of his sailors in Fascist doctrine as of their education in seamanship. "To victory" was the keynote of the Order of the Day and a separate message to Mussolini of the new Chief of General Staff, General Cavallero, who assumed command yesterday.

The Gay Cavallero

General Cavallero promised that all efforts would be devoted to realisation of this supreme object.

Il Duce himself has sent, it is announced from Rome, "a cordial signed letter" to Admiral Cavagnari, in which he expressed his appreciation of the Admiral's collaboration and his seven years' work for the development of Italian naval power.

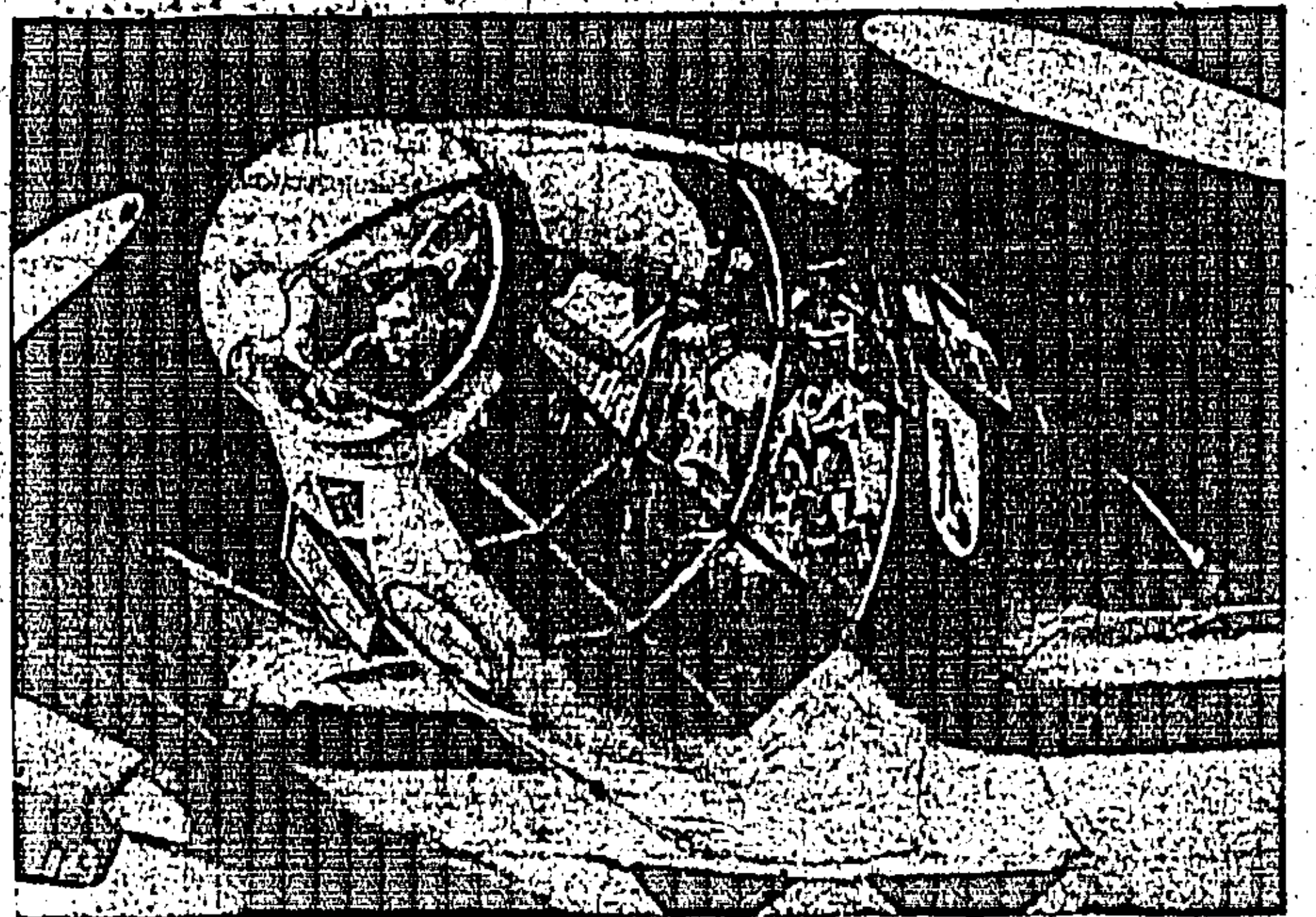
In the past few days, says Reuters's diplomatic correspondent, there has been a reshuffle in Italian Service chiefs which can only be taken in Italy as dissatisfaction as to the course of the war on the part of Mussolini.—Reuters.

General Cavallero's Order Of The Day

On taking over his post as Chief of General Staff of the Italian Army yesterday, General Cavallero issued an Order of the Day to the General Staffs of the Army, Navy, Air Force and militia.

In the Order he states: "We all wish to devote our energies to attaining the highest goal victory."

General Cavallero sends his "warmest regards" to the General Staff of the Army.—Reuters.



R.A.F. Mechanics examining the pilot's control in the nose of a German raider—a Heinkel III brought down complete in England. (Copyright: Fox).

FRENCH PHILOSOPHER WANTS NO FAVOUR

Henri Bergson, the famous French philosopher, has refused exemption from the provisions of the French Jewish Statute, to which he is entitled, on the grounds that he "rendered exceptional service in the literary sphere," according to a Vichy message to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency yesterday.

He will thus be obliged to resign his professorship at the College de France, which is the highest station in French university life.—Reuters.

PETAINE CHECKS LAVAL

The Berlin announcement that M. Laval's visit to the German capital will not take place was not unexpected. Over a week ago it was reported that Marshal Petain had stopped the plans for the visit on the ground that Laval could only agree to concessions to which Petain and the rest of the Cabinet could not.

The London "Sunday Times" yesterday discussed the report that Hitler was toying with the idea of getting France's support in place of Italy's, and says that it is clear that in his negotiations with Laval Hitler toyed with the idea of getting France as a partner in Italy's place.

Up to a point, Italy's failure is Laval's opportunity. But Laval's opportunity does not go beyond a certain point because French faith in Britain is steadily recovering and neither France nor Italy are likely to be impressed at Hitler again employed in a game of double-crossing.—Reuters.

HIS WIFE'S DOCTOR TO PAY £750

A doctor, cited as co-respondent in a divorce suit brought by a friend whose wife the doctor had attended, was ordered to pay £750 damages in the Divorce Court.

The suit was brought by Mr. William George Watson, tax collector, of Wandale-road, Tooting, S.W. He was granted a decree nisi on the ground of the adultery of his wife, Mrs. Gwendolyn Margaret Watson, with Dr. James Leslie Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson were married at St. Paul's Church, Newbridge, Mon., in June, 1937, and lived at Newport. A child was born last August.

Mrs. Watson and Dr. Hill did not deny adultery, but the doctor contested the claim for damages. It was stated that he had sold his practice.

Mr. Justice Hodson said Mr. Watson was twenty-seven at the time of the marriage, and his wife twenty-five.

Happy Marriage

He had no doubt the marriage was a happy one; nor was there any reason to think it would not have continued but for the intervention of the co-respondent.

Mr. Watson earned about £4 5s. a week, and the doctor, who attended his wife at her confinement, was no doubt in a superior financial position.

Dr. Hill, who was a much older man, was also visiting the Watsons' house as a friend, continued the Judge, and had the advantage of his professional position as he could be in and out of the house at all times without arousing suspicion.

For a long time Mr. Watson had no suspicions, but when they were aroused they were allayed by his wife and the doctor, when challenged, denying that there had been adultery.

Last autumn promises were given by the wife and Dr. Hill that they would have no more to do with each other.

However, a few days later, she went away with the co-respondent and they lived as man and wife at an hotel at Gloucester.

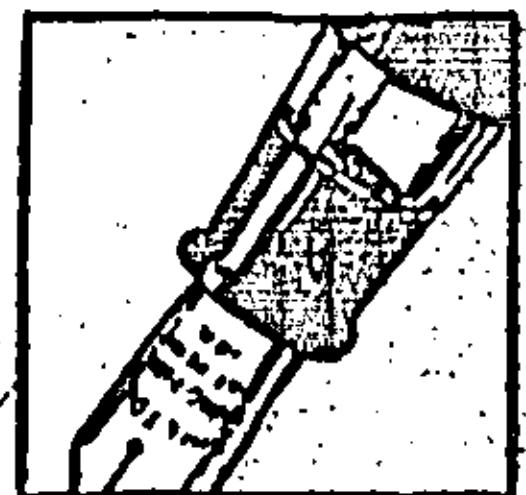
"Taking into consideration the suffering which has been inflicted on the petitioner, I think the right figure to assess as damages is £750."

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GREEKS CELEBRATE VICTORY

Streets Of Athens Beflagged, Marching Crowds Weight Of Attack Now Directed Against Elbasan

THE VICTORY OF Argyrokastron was celebrated with tremendous enthusiasm throughout Greece last night following confirmation of its occupation in a Greek communique earlier in the evening.

Flags were hung out in all Greek towns, and in the streets of Athens huge crowds cheered the King and General Metaxas and marched, singing the National Anthem, to General Headquarters.

In answer to the crowd's shouts the King appeared on the balcony, followed by General Metaxas.

The hooters of all ships in Athens harbour mingled with the ringing of church bells, and British soldiers marched through the streets arm in arm, to be greeted everywhere with enthusiastic cheers from the crowd.

General Metaxas has sent a message of congratulation to the Greek High Command.

Elbasan Battle

While Athens was rejoicing over the "second Koritza" the Greek army at the front was keeping up pressure on all fronts.

Reports from the Yugoslav frontier state that the battle for Elbasan was resumed early yesterday morning with undiminished violence.

A gale and snowstorm are sweeping the mountain ranges where fighting is taking place.

Greek forces advancing north of Podgradez are beyond Ujinska and are progressing in the direction of a line on the shores of Lake Okrida.

Their aim is to reach the road which passes through the Skumbia Valley and leads to Elbasan.

Passes Deep In Snow

Great difficulty is being experienced in feeding guns on the mountain peaks as at many points the passes are deep in snow.

Italian deserters who crossed into Yugoslavia are said to speak of the drooping spirits of the Italian troops, in contrast to the buoyance of the Greeks.—Reuter.

HOUSE HIT —BABY SAFE

A mother and her baby, who was born in an air raid were unhurt when the house in which they were was damaged in a raid on a north Midlands town.

Some houses were damaged, and a few almost demolished. Canaries and goldfish were found uninjured in several of the damaged houses.

There were very few casualties—none fatal.

No damage was caused when twelve bombs were dropped in a rural area in the Midlands during the night. One fell near a cottage occupied by an elderly couple, who were unaware of it until they were told.

In a north-west city three children asleep in bed were showered with flying glass and debris when a bomb hit houses opposite, but they slept on. Their mother had to shake them awake to get them into a shelter.

Three houses were demolished by the bomb, and Mr. S. Wareham

CAPTURE OF ARGYROKASTRON — OFFICIAL.

It was officially announced in Athens yesterday that the Greeks have occupied Argyrokastron, says a Reuter message received this morning.

CASTEL BENITO NAPPING

A heavy R.A.F. bombing attack on Castel Benito, a town in Tripoli, was described in a special R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo last night.

The communique states many bombs, including incendiaries, were dropped from low altitudes and hits are claimed on all five hangars of the aerodrome. Two hangars were set on fire and there were tremendous explosions.

Petrol and bomb dumps and administrative offices and quarters all received hits. Large fires were started among buildings north-west of the aerodrome.

A column of black smoke from the petrol dump fire rose 2,000 feet at least.

Heavy Damage

Eight aircraft dispersed in the aerodrome and near the hangars were destroyed and many more damaged by incendiaries.

Machine-gunning was carried out from as low as 250 feet. The fires were visible from as far as 50 miles away. The attack appeared to be a complete surprise and all aircraft returned safely.—Reuter.

was trapped by the legs with debris. His wife was flung to the ground.

A gas main caught fire, and A.R.P. workers had to fight back the flames to release Mr. Wareham.

Raiders were also over the north-east and the London area.

VICHY'S LATEST DECREE

VICHY HAS ISSUED A NEW DECREE MAKING COMPULSORY THE DECLARATION OF CREDITS BLOCKED IN 12 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

The decree also applies to the French Colonies.—Reuter.

ITALY'S SETBACK | CHANNEL SEEN AS DE GAULLE GUNS OPEN UP AGAIN

A CHANCE TO TURN the Italian reverses into a complete rout and win for France "victory in the Mediterranean" now presents itself to the French fleet and French armies in North Africa and Syria, said General de Gaulle, Leader of Free France, broadcasting a strong appeal from London last night to the French forces in Syria and North Africa "not to miss the opportunity."

General de Gaulle appealed to French generals, admirals, officers, soldiers, sailors and airmen throughout the French Empire to unite with Free Frenchmen and fight on with the Allies for the liberation of France.

"Events are giving a magnificent opportunity," General de Gaulle stated, "for the French army to re-enter the war and take part in the final victory."

France was once more uniting secretly against the enemy and had rejected cooperation with Germany, he concluded.—Reuter.

STREETS AID IN RAIDS

A "Good Neighbours" scheme to help each other during air raids has been started in Harborne, Birmingham.

It will be run by committees responsible for each street.

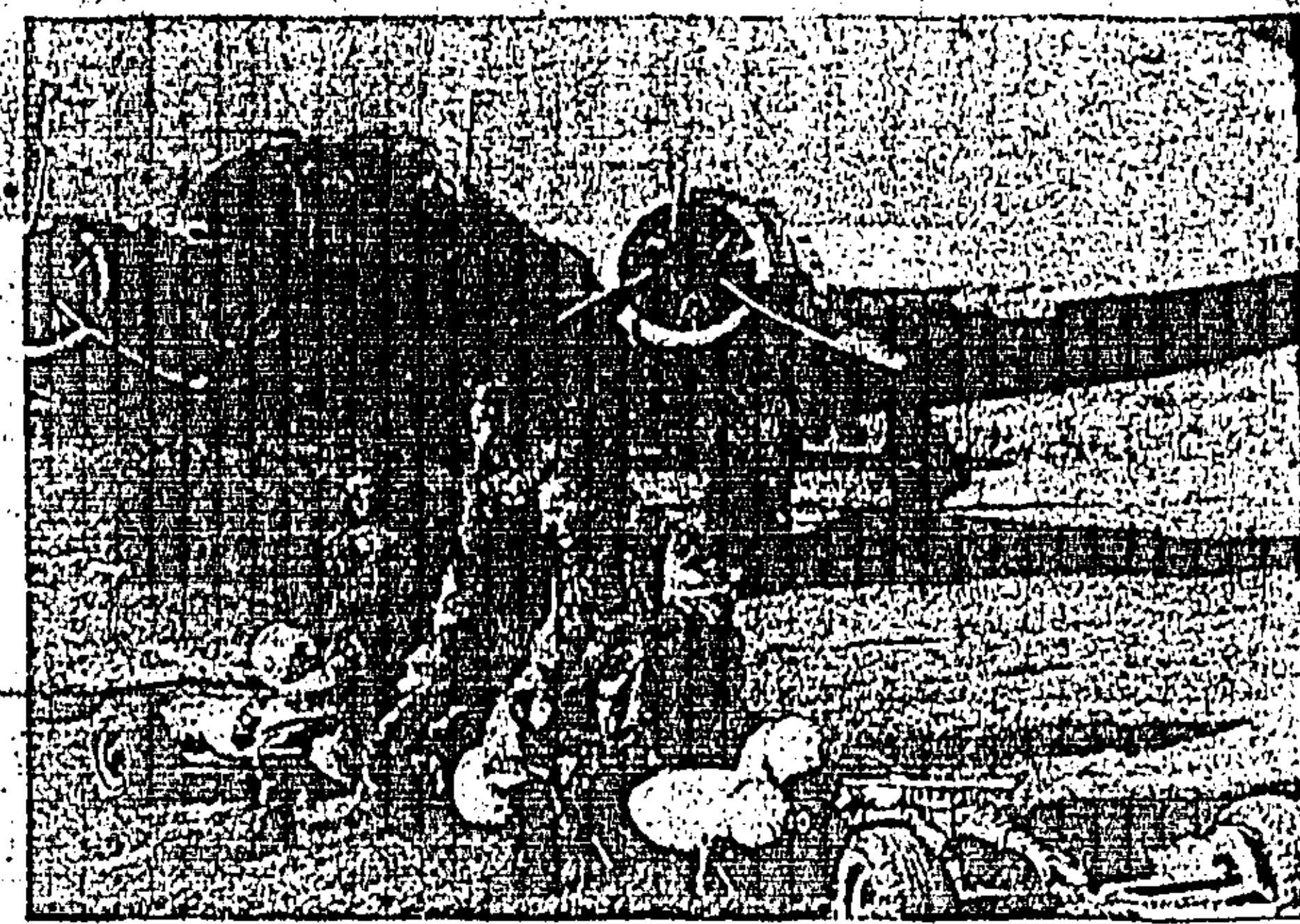
The neighbours will care for children who might be caught in the street during raids and take them to houses marked by a child picture in the window where they will remain until the "All clear."

Squad of parents will patrol the streets while the children go to and from school. Medical equipment will be kept in certain houses, and women fire squads for day duty are being formed.

Collecting, Too

Other activities of the "Good Neighbours" scheme, which Canon R. D. Richardson, vicar of Harborne, asks the country to copy are the arranging for iron rations to be kept in certain houses for emergency and the compiling of a register of places where people shelter.

The "Good Neighbours" will also collect for the Red Cross, help in the National Savings scheme, hold sewing parties, arrange depot houses for salvage, and take care of door keys when tenants are out.



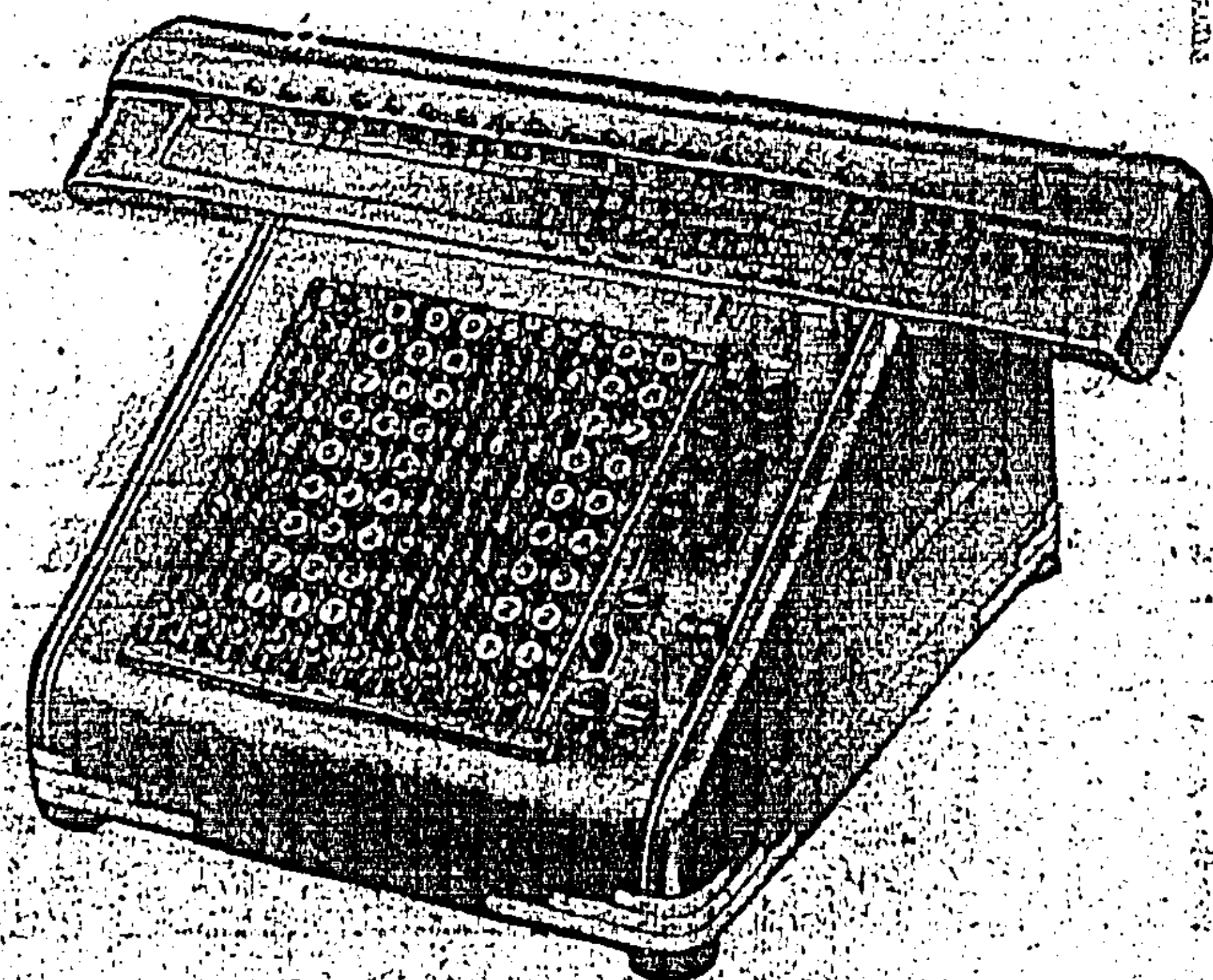
The daring exploits of the R.A.F. during this war will for ever be remembered. Not only has Britain herself watched with pride and confidence the increasing intensity of the attacks on Germany, but consistent bravery and efficiency have won them the admiration of lovers of freedom all over the world. This photo shows a warm seat. The crew of a bomber, after taking a few moments' rest on the tender of bombs, which will shortly be loaded on their machines — to be dropped on some specified objective in Germany. (Copyright Fox).

GERMAN LONG-RANGE GUNS, AFTER BEING SILENT FOR THREE DAYS, OPENED UP SHORTLY BEFORE NOON YESTERDAY.

The shelling is described as being "brief but fairly intense." The sea was calm in the Straits of Dover yesterday, with the sun shining brightly from a cloudless sky. A cold north-westerly wind was blowing and only light mist hid the French coast.—Reuter.

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GERMANY RESIGNED TO A BLEAK WINTER

YESTERDAY IN Germany was "Sacrifice Sunday," when the German people were pressed to contribute to the Winter Help Fund, which has been a regular feature ever since the Nazi Party came into power.

Ostensibly, money collected on "Sacrifice Sunday" is intended for the poor and the destitute, but many Germans have remarked that no balance sheet is ever published and the public is not told what happens to the collections.

The fund is administered exclusively by the Nazis.

Germany's "diplomatic Winter Help Fund" — the first contribution to which was the Axis/Japan pact — seems to have come to a standstill.

Since the accession of Hungary and Rumania, all Germany's solicitations have failed to produce any more contributors.

The failure of the diplomatic offensive is clearly revealed in German propaganda.

During the past few days, German-controlled "radio" broadcasts have maintained a discreet silence about the "New Order," and have fallen back on claims that Britain is on the verge of collapse.

This complete change has aroused comment, and it is generally recognised that this "imminent collapse of Britain" propaganda is in the nature of a stop-gap to cover up the failure of Germany in Southern Europe and France and the humiliation of Italy in Greece and the Middle East.

Hitler's Aim

It is also taken as confirmation of the theory that Germany's recent attacks on British provincial towns and on shipping were intended to help Mussolini in his Greece campaign.

Italy's failure is as humiliating to Germany as it is to Italy herself, and it is considered highly probable that the absence of German help is a result of German inability rather than German unwillingness.

The British Press yesterday commented that the best help Hitler can give Mussolini is to renew the raids on Britain in the hope of reducing our air aid to Greece and to intensify the attacks on shipping to keep as much of the British Fleet out of the Mediterranean as possible. — Reuter.

WOOLLEN STOCKINGS — PERHAPS

Girls not in uniform, who can still wear a pretty dress and show a pretty leg, threaten a stocking strike if fashion experts insist on coloured woollen stockings for next season.

The experts have decreed that the vogue for women's wartime winter-wear will be brightly-coloured woollen stockings to match costumes, hats and handbags, for the order of the season is to be practical, yet gay.

"I'd rather go stockingless and risk feeling cold," one girl said. "I think most girls would agree with me, too. Woollen stockings—and coloured ones at that! What a horror!"

A score or more young women said the same.

This is what one man had to say about the idea: "How awful. We need pretty legs and faces to cheer us these days."

Other fashions decreed for winter wear are mackintosh cape put-me-ups—pneumatic capes that can be blown up to use as a pillow and mattress for unexpected night-time sheltering from raids—and velvet coat collars to take the place of fur.

SUBMARINE TRIP UNTRUE

A maid who posed as a Government agent was stated to have told an Army captain that she had made a secret service trip in a submarine.

She had visited Finisterre in this way, she said, to get documents for her stepfather, who was employed by the Ministry of Information.

But Kathleen Brown, twenty-seven, of Brantwood-road, Broughton, Salford, has never seen a submarine. Nor has she ever left this country.

"Her story is untrue," Superintendent Milner stated at Salford when Brown was bound over for twelve months.

False Name

"She has given way to extensive lying."

In her handbag was found a letter, addressed to a man in London, in which she said she had been learning "the mysteries of the War Office gun sites layouts—it was good fun."

Superintendent Milner said that Brown, a native of Airdrie, also told the Army captain that her mother was a Russian and that she herself was employed by the British Government.

On her identity card her name was given as Katitia Brown, but this was not her real name, he added.

Brown expressed regret and said she did not mean any harm.

BARGAINING PRESSURE BY NAZIS ON JAPAN

It has been suggested in diplomatic circles in Peiping that the delay on the part of Germany in recognising the Wang Ching-wei Government is due to Germany's desire to use recognition as a bargaining counter to force Japan to take action against Britain in the Far East. — Reuter.

AMERICA'S VLADIVOSTOK CONSULATE

Chinese circles in Chungking attach much importance to the Soviet agreement to the establishment of a United States consulate at Vladivostok.

It is considered that the opening up of Vladivostok will make the port an important route of Soviet-American trade.

Informed circles also consider that the opening of this route will indirectly benefit Chinese transportation problems.

It is pointed out that Chinese goods shipped to Vladivostok via Hong Kong from January to August this year totalled nearly \$50,000,000, or nearly double the figures for last year. — Reuter.

JAPANESE TROOPS IN PLAGUE ZONE

The Japanese troops on the northern bank of the Chin River in northern Kiangsi are reported to be terror-stricken by epidemics which are prevalent in the area. Numerous Japanese soldiers are reported have died of plague. — Central News.

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P-I. HAVE 12 DIVISIONS READY

DISCUSSING AT LENGTH the preparedness of the Philippines to meet foreign aggression, Major Gen. Basilio J. Valdes, chief of staff of the Philippine Army, assured the student body of the University of the Philippines that the military authorities are cognizant of the seriousness of their responsibilities and that everything is being done to provide an adequate national defence within the limited finances of the government.

Answering criticisms which have been raised from time to time against the Philippine Army because the streets do not resound to the tramp of military feet, Major Gen. Valdes said:

"These critics forget that we have already trained the personnel of twelve divisions, that these men are available. On a moment's notice, that mobilisation orders for their recall can be issued immediately, that the places of assembly are already indicated in our plans and that the uniforms and equipment are waiting in our mobilisation warehouses ready for instant distribution."

"Nothing is more indicative of the growing potentialities of the Philippine Army than the recent action of the United States government in planning to use this force as the basis for defending our shores. The fact that these forces are being welcomed

and incorporated as additional units in their defence plans is sufficient evidence of their estimated fighting efficiency and usefulness."

Own Methods

The Philippine Army will develop a form and type of tactical procedure all its own, he declared. The regular army is building technical services and divisions which, with its general staff sections, continuously study and determine the proper types and methods best adapted to local geographical and psychological characteristics.

"If we want our country to grow in strength, intelligence,

RELEASED FROM THE ARMY

In order to render houses hit by bombs to be made habitable more quickly, the War Office yesterday announced it had been decided to release from the Army 3,000 men as the first contingent of men from the building trade.—Reuter.

wealth, usefulness and honour, every Filipino worthy of the name should strive to do his part in the attainment of this development," he emphasised. "This is what is known as national discipline, an attribute without which a nation is doomed to perish. The civilisation, strength and stability of a people can be measured by the degree of national discipline they have attained. Without discipline, there will be confusion and, where confusion exists dissension and weakness naturally follow."

Major Gen. Valdes made an appraisal of the progress of the Philippine Army, declaring that the basis of the Philippine national defence is a nonprofessional, citizen army. He pointed out that this is the best type suited here under the financial limitations imposed.

"The Philippine Army includes all the normal branches of similar field forces of other nations including the air force. A naval contingent of the army, termed the Off-Shore Patrol, is well organised and is provided with speedy torpedo boats as its basic material. The performance of the Philippine Army air corps has been the source of much favourable comment from qualified officers of the United States Army and other armies."

U.S. Model

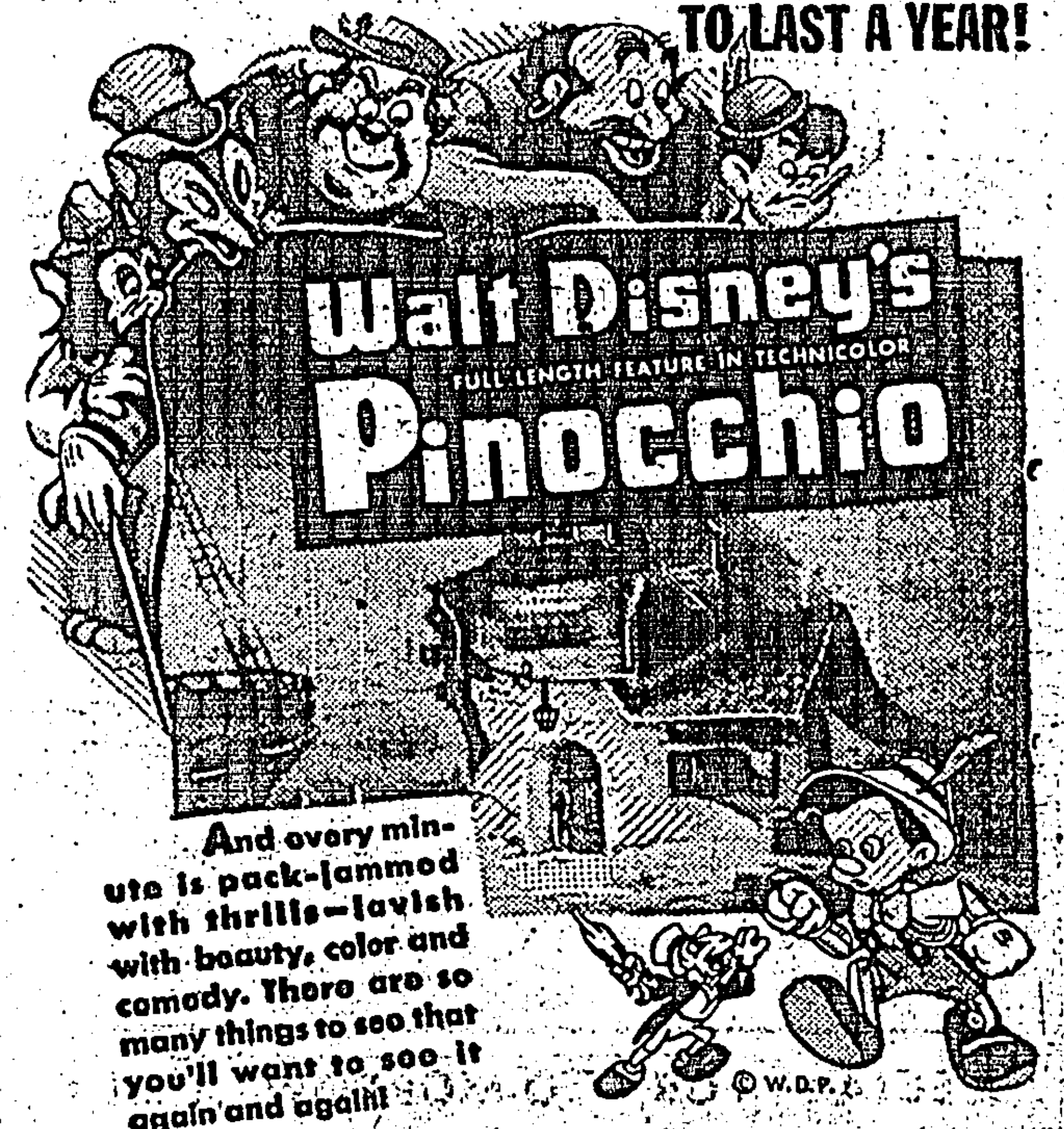
A regular army force of professionals is authorised, he continued, in the basic law for the purposes of providing a laboratory in which to experiment with the latest military developments. While the military force is patterned after the United States Army system in general, there is no hesitancy about revising or modifying either equipment or procedure to fit local conditions obtaining in the Philippines, he declared.

The PA chief of staff further said that the regular army increment will be finally established at its authorised strength by the graduations from the Philippine Military Academy and other commissioned appointments. With this plan, the number of reserve officers on active duty service will be gradually reduced.

In view of the great financial difficulties encountered in maintaining the Philippine Military Academy and other military training schools for officers, the Philippine Army can never turn out every year an adequate number of officers to command the citizen army in case of general mobilisation. "This is the reason the ROTC (Reserve Officers Training Corps) becomes a vital element in our national defence programme because it is the one sure source that could furnish the bulk of officers required to lead our reserve units," he declared.

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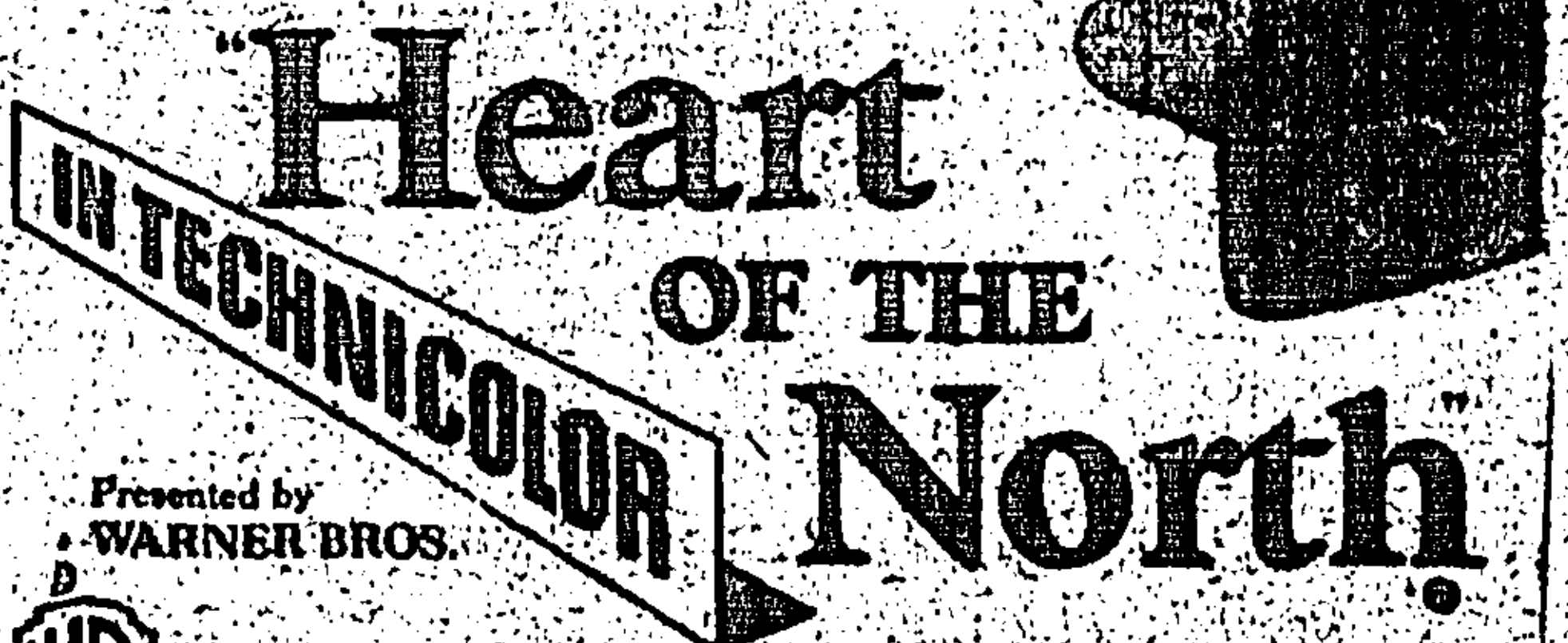
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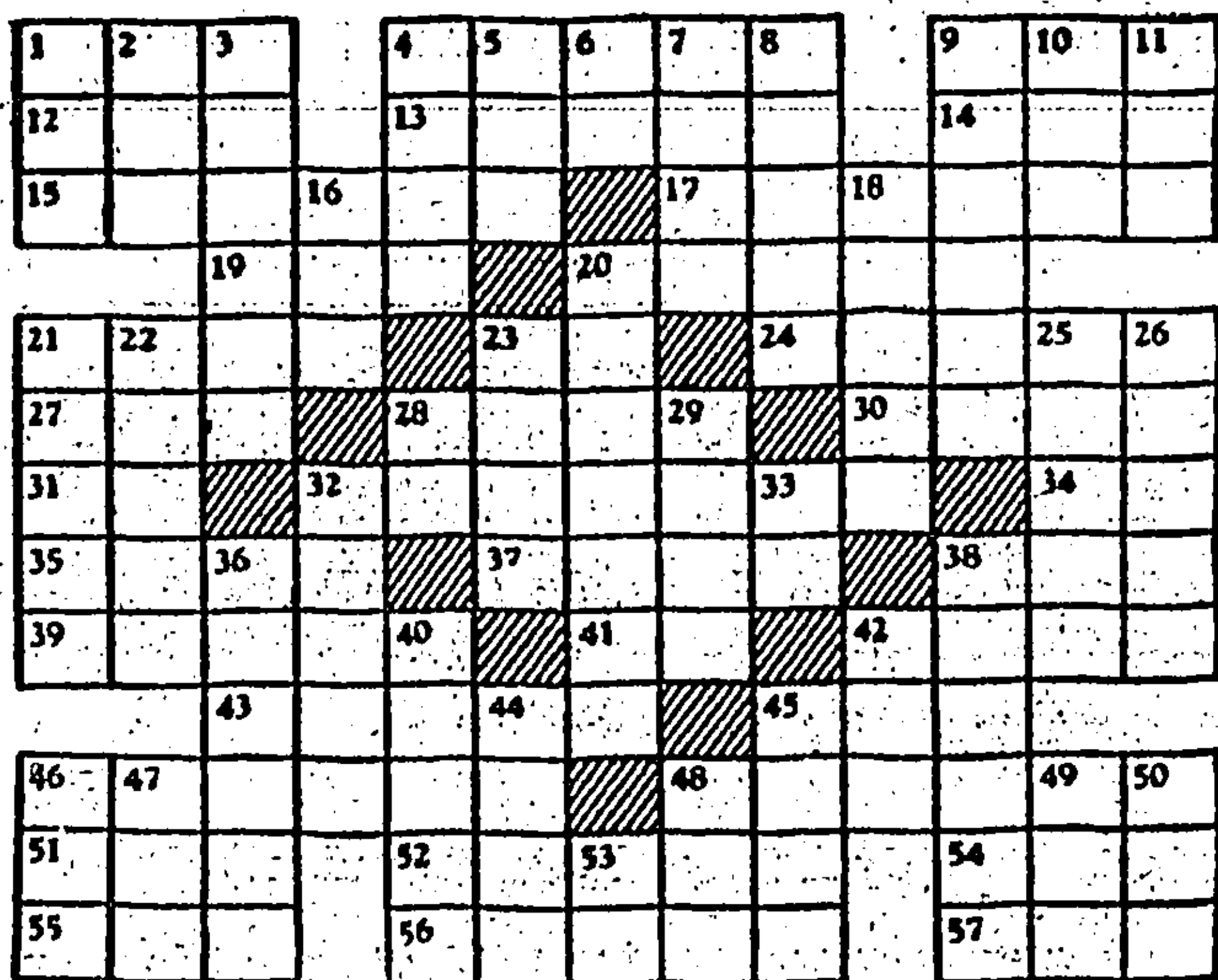
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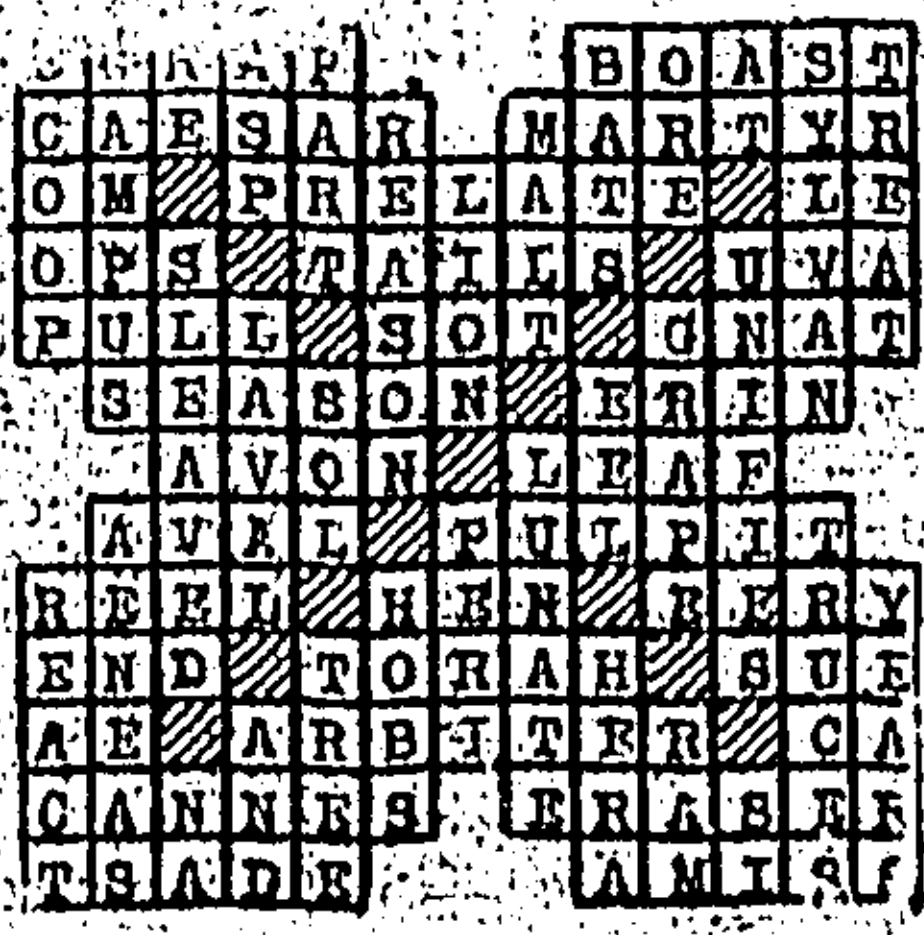
- HORIZONTAL**
- Rear part of vessel
 - Yellowish-green
 - Poetic: to unclose
 - Malay gibbon
 - Asiatic shrubby plant
 - Lair
 - Invocation
 - Disentangles
 - Period of time
 - Provisions
 - March
 - Note of scale
 - Ancient chariot
 - Atmosphere
 - Domesticated
 - Narrative
 - Parent
 - Part of Asia
 - Six
 - Heraldic device
 - Arduous
 - Stroke lightly
 - Cooking apparatus
 - Bone
 - Small
 - Bounded
 - To disfigure

- Small roundish fruit
- Erudite person
- Poetic: over
- Mistake
- Scotch for
- Bitter vetch
- Distributed
- Greek letter

- VERTICAL**
- Mountain peak
 - Distant
 - Barterer
 - To follow orders
 - Gaelic sea god
 - Pronoun
 - Girl's name
 - To excel
 - Seaport in the Ukraine

- Swordsman's dummy stake
- Being
- Long-haired ruminant
- Goddess of the hearth
- Seat of King Arthur's court
- Blind
- Laughing
- French soldier-poet
- Granite porphyry
- Divinity
- Note of scale
- Epochs
- To cut
- Preposition
- Dogs trained to decoy
- ducks
- Corairs
- Auriculate
- Hebrew letter
- Burning pile
- Emporium
- Mid-western university
- Pronoun
- The sun
- Burnt demon
- Beverage
- Sun god

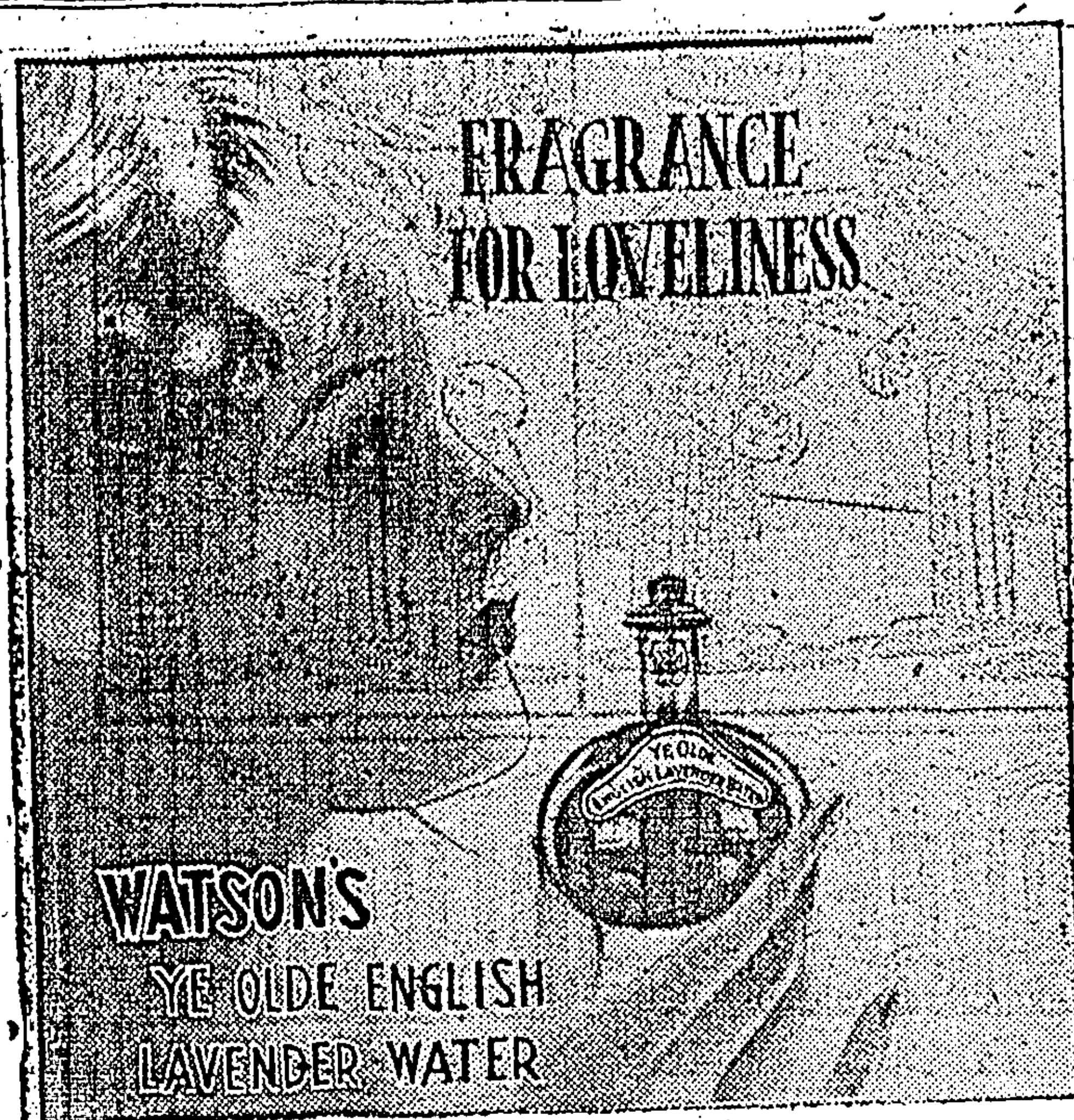
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"Indeed, what I desire to see is the setting up of a body that will do for Empire travel what the motorbus has done for rural communities, what the big caterer has done for the cake trade, what cheap excursion could do in peacetime for railway travel, and under the plan I visualise a steady ebb and flow of holiday makers between the Dominions and the mother country with a constant strengthening of the bonds of Empire."

Mr. Gibson explained he would like to see an Imperial travel trust which would build or have converted a few liners specially planned for the purpose of conveying passengers between the mother country and the Dominions at a low rate.

Regarding the length of time required for such holidays Mr. Gibson said: "Government has already encouraged grants of annual holidays with pay and Government ought to make possible for people to forfeit their annual holidays for one or two years to accumulate sufficient time to permit them to travel within the empire."

If that were done, hundreds of thousands of our people could by slight self denial for one or two years accumulate both time and money sufficient to enable them to accomplish the dream of their lives—seeing their relatives in the Dominions in the flesh."

Industrial Scholarship

Mr. Gibson added: "I would like further, and in conjunction with the scheme, to initiate a system of industrial scholarships which would enable British and Dominion workers to exchange places for a period of say six or twelve months on lines similar to that which has been so successful in the interchange of teachers and the welcome would operate whether the Bursar was a bus driver, engineer or textile operative."

Most important of all, I would like to see an inter-Empire children's scholarship scheme established, that boys and girls between the ages of 14 and 16 could be exchanged with their counterparts in South Africa, Canada or the other Dominions for periods of six or twelve months, and finally I want to see members of the great Empire family drawn closer and closer together, each equally sharing the benefits and privileges of peace as they share the trials and tribulations of war."

Is there any reason why we should continue to tolerate artificial barriers to Empire travel and Empire settlement?" — British Wireless.

RISKED BOMB TO FEED RABBITS

When a man was fined 40s. at a police court in the London area for insulting behaviour, it was stated that his house was in a prohibited area because of the presence of an unexploded bomb. He and other householders had been evacuated.

The man told the Court that he wished to go home to feed forty-one rabbits and six chickens. "Animals are more important than anything else," he said.

The Court was told that the animals are being cared for

SIR JOHN LATHAM SAILS

Sir John Latham, Australia's first Minister to Japan, sailed from Hong Kong for Japan this morning.

In a broadcast last night, he referred to the evacuation of Hong Kong women and children to Australia, declaring that Australia understood the disturbance and distress involved in the sudden separation of the members of families, and was doing its best to make the evacuees comfortable and happy.

Sir John also disclosed that Australia is meeting much of Hong Kong's iron and steel requirements and that further supplies will soon be available for new shipbuilding.

In an outline of Australia's war effort, he revealed that war expenditure to the end of the 1941-42 financial year was already estimated at £453,750,000 and that this sum would be increased if necessary.

WATER IN STORAGE REDUCED

Although this has been the Colony's second wettest year on record, storage in the reservoirs is well below the total at this time last year, official figures reveal, explaining the decision to cut off supply between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.

At December 1, the island reservoirs carried 1,779 million gallons and the mainland reservoirs 2,429 millions, a total of roughly 4,200 millions, with monthly consumption recently in excess of 850 millions.

Tytam Tuk is 16 feet below overflow, five feet greater than at December 1, 1939, and Jubilee is 28 feet below, against 12 feet at December 1, 1939.

The Water Department's latest estimates of population give a total of 1,600,000. Last year's estimate was 1,850,000.

ANOTHER 'ISLAND' CASUALTY

Driving in Nathan Road last night, Mr. L. E. Heath, of No. 140, Boundary Street, collided with a traffic "island" near the Alhambra Theatre. The car was damaged, but Mr. Heath was uninjured.

K.C.R. ROBBERY

Some 500 pounds of brass were stolen from one of the machine rooms of the Kowloon Railway between 5 a.m. on Saturday and 7 a.m. yesterday.

RAID VETERANS REACH SAFETY

(By A Special Correspondent)

THE "TWICE-BOMBED babies" are at last on their way to safety in the country. A handful of tiny mites — their ages range from a few weeks to four or five, they were cared for by the W.V.S. at a large house in North London after they had been bombed out of their homes in some of London's most badly-hit areas.

Then, soon after the sirens wailed for the nightly visit of Hitler's bombers high explosive rained down on their refuge home.

The children in the basement escaped unhurt apart from a light shock.

They seemed resigned when told they were to move on again. They are "veterans" of bombing attacks.

I saw them when they were waiting at the Regent's Park home of Lady Ribblesdale for coaches to take them to the country and safety.

There they played happily as though nothing had happened. In some cases the children's parents have been killed or injured, and they are the survivors of their families.

Two new arrivals John and Beryl Dean sat quietly on little chairs in a corner of the room. They had been given a penny and there they sat and waited until Märon told them they could join in the games.

Their mother had brought them in. Their street had been heavily bombed and little Beryl's face was still streaked with dirt from clambering over debris.

"Live wires of the party were Mary Ravel and Valerie Rantuk, both aged about four."

"They're tough, those two," one of the staff said. "Nothing seems to bother them."

When I left it was bedtime in this temporary haven, and with toys and dolls clutched in their arms the babies were settling down.



AN AGRARIAN ROLE

While German propaganda has been insistently lauding the scheme for a "new order in Europe," as laid down by German financiers and economists, little attention has hitherto been paid to the Colonies. Hitler at one time even went so far as to announce that the requisition of territory in Africa or elsewhere was not of vital importance. This silence has now been broken by the official organ of Hitler's S.S. which recently outlined Germany's colonial aims. When speaking of the "new order" in Europe phrases are usually designed to cloak the subject with glamorous but vague outlines, but in so far as German colonial policy is planned, no vagueness is considered necessary or worthwhile. The writer of the article in question states very clearly that "we need colonies to assure a living for the millions of German workers . . . the work done in the Colonies must aim at attaining the greatest advantage for the Fatherland with the least possible expenditure of manpower . . . German administrators will act as organisers of agriculture, industry and commerce, serving as the Fatherland's delegates and symbolising the Reich sovereignty. It must be emphasised," added the writer, "that the purpose of the colonies will be to supply the Reich with cheap raw materials."

We have quoted enough to show Germany's purpose in the Colonies she eventually hopes to possess. The same system would apply to Europe under the "new order." In fact, the more outspoken German and Italian writers, especially the latter, who usually fail to smother their real purpose in words, betray the fact that European countries are to be reduced to the status of German colonies, colonies conveniently close at hand to supply Germany with the raw materials she needs "without interference from third powers."

German economists have frequently stressed the need for an assured and unlimited flow of agricultural products into Germany and those countries now under the domination of Hitler have been clearly told that industrial competition could not be tolerated. "Naturally Germany will not allow her fibre industries to dwindle after the war," stated one writer on South East European economics, "so she will maintain arrangements with the countries in South Eastern Europe for at least a part of their surplus agrarian products to be taken up by the Reich as this traffic cannot be upset by other Powers." This is, as a matter of fact, what is already being carried out in Rumania to whom Germany has agreed to give building materials and farming implements in return for agricultural produce.

Germany has declared that she has no intention of laying down the law in individual countries, but this kindly assurance is not borne out when we are told that these same countries must return to their "traditional agricultural role" and not attempt to compete in markets where German goods are to be found. France has also been informed of this, hence the Vichy dictum that agriculture will loom largely in the new economic life of the people.

The stress laid on the importance of agriculture in the new order in Europe serves a two-fold purpose. It relieves the Reich once and for all from the pressing fear of lack. It also ensures a better prospect for continued domination. Agriculturists are for the most part isolated from active participation in the political field, while the distances at which they live precludes any effective organisation against German suzerainty, at the same time reducing the country to the humble state of a dependency.

During three years and two months of continuous residence in Japan, the writer of this somewhat confused and not altogether objective chronicle was privileged to witness the completion and most of the spade-work of a relatively bloodless but nonetheless terroristic revolution, from nominal Democracy to absolute Totalitarianism.

The military uprising of 1936, referred to but rarely in Tokyo and then only as the "February 26 Incident," marked the inception of this revolution. It scarcely could be recognised as such, however, even by the time I had disembarked from a freighter in Yokohama and deposited myself on the hospitable shores of Dai Nippon as an uninvited guest—at precisely the same time other uninvited guests were making a shambles of Chapel. The culmination of this great domestic upheaval came with the re-emergence of Prince Fumimaro Konoye, the dedication of his "New Structure" (for historical and idiotic parallel refer to Tower of Babel construction project) and his faltering signature of the tripartite military alliance with Germany and Italy. This instrument, incidentally, was obstructed by a heartsick Emperor for 48 hours after its announcement was scheduled, and the grim signing ceremony nearly left Prince Konoye with nervous prostration. Of greatest significance was the fact that the three-way pact converted Japan, the pioneer puppet-maker, into a pathetic Charley McCarthy operated by remote control from Berlin.

February 26, 1936, and October 27, 1940, are likely to be set down in the records as the outstanding dates in the retrogressive process which inevitably must lead to the collapse of the 2,600-year-old Empire.

The most dispassionate observer could not without wincing have witnessed the relentless course of events between these two dates—the ruination of a proudly progressive nation and the progressive degeneration of perhaps 59,500,000 fundamentally honest and peace-loving people.

March of Events

Review briefly from that evil day early in July, 1937, when Lieutenant-General Hajime Sugiyama, then War Minister, responding to prods in the rear from superiors, told Japan's plastic iron man that if he (Konoye) would not order seven divisions of the Imperial Army to North China to transform the existing squabble into a full-dress war, then by all that was holy he (Sugiyama) would preempt the authority and issue the order, we see:

1. A rusty, gear-stripped military machine with wheels out of alignment and a nearly empty gas-tank backing out of China's mire on three cylinders, that it may line up at the starting post in the southern circuit in a desperate attempt to "place" in the next race, but facing probable disqualification because of inadequate repairs, a weary driver and dubious backers.

2. Grim prospects of national self-destruction by the following means of sudden or slow death: (A) the battering of an addled pate to a bloody pulp against the Singapore fortress, (B) slow starvation, economically and physically, if the world's oldest war keeps to its pattern, (C) suffocation from sheer apathy, (D) strangulation by bureaucratic red tape.

3. The virtual disappearance of such modified civil liberties as ever existed, thanks to an inefficient but servicable Gestapo, manufactured according to Berlin specifications and aided and abetted by a gigantic Nazi Fifth Column. This bungling force has succeeded in stamping out the last vestige of liberalism in politics, economics and education. The Imperial Diet, which once rang with the righteous convictions of free speaking men, causing cabinets to tremble and tumble, is to-day a splendiferous but hollow shell, not unlike the Kroll Opera House.

With all liberal professors weeded out of the great universities or broken (not a few ex-

periencing the horrors of the gendarmerie inquisition chambers on suspicion of harbouring "dangerous thought") Japan's much-maligned and greatly disillusioned students found themselves in the gentle hands of Colonel Kingoro Hashimoto (retired?) and his ultra-nationalistic Japan Young Men's Party. The bat-eared bomber of the Panay rescued them from the tender mercies of the walrus-mustached General Sadao Araki, also retired and actually shelved for the nonce because of his embarrassing hatred of the Soviets.

Christianity 'Reformed'

In line with Japan's nationalistic revolution, as founded out by the New Structure Tower of Babel (thus designated because no two of its many architects can explain it with even incoherent similarity) Christianity has given up its insecure foothold and performed a strategic withdrawal. Despite the tight-lipped silence of those who

By A Reformed Tokyoite

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have survived "investigations," the methods employed by the gendarmes can be imagined in terrifying detail when the case of the Rev. Toyohiko Kagawa, Japan's No. 1 living martyr, is called to mind. Mr. Kagawa, who forsook riches for Christianity and lived among filthy and diseased derelicts in the rudest hovel in Kobe's most squalid slum—his faith never faltering—emerged from the grim grey building in Marunouchi after a few weeks of the works and promptly became a convert. Seeing the light in a sudden flash of enlightenment, he gained his release and took himself off to Kyushu to preach the New Structure gospel.

Similarly, thousands of Japanese, cursed with the ability to think for themselves, who a few months back voiced their Democratic views rather frankly and were easily accessible to foreigners, have now drawn within themselves and are prudently silent. Their convictions have been sharpened, if anything, by what is going on about them. But they have seen their ranks depleted, due to scraps of non-conformist conversation overheard in public places or to being seen too frequently in the company of foreigners of the wrong nationality. This irregularity often as not has been pointed out to the authorities by foreigners of the right nationality.

To explain the phenomena of anti-foreignism and manufactured spy scares, both part and parcel of official policy, it is necessary to go back somewhere near the beginning.

When I arrived in Japan, and I must confess I landed with a closed mind cluttered up with a lot of preconceived erroneous ideas about the Orient in general and Japan in particular, I was immediately impressed not by the sinister qualities of the people but rather by the respect and admiration they displayed towards all foreigners, particularly Americans, and Anglo-Saxon culture. Once assured of my non-Communist leanings, determined by none too subtle probing, I was accepted, cherished and revered along with baseball, permanent waves, President Roosevelt (in excellent standing at the time) Ford V-8's, Wrigley's chewing gum (both could be bought), Deanna Durbin, Clark Gable, Gary Cooper and Oliver Hardy.

Unharmful, Untouched

Had I been a visiting dignitary, a person with a definite mission to perform or anyone, but a newspaperman on sabbatical leave who arrived on a freighter and rode in on a sampan under the cover of a trial black-out, I should have been inclined to view the courtesies and considerations which were heaped upon me with a slightly jaundiced eye. But since I was

just another American, only a few dollars removed from the beach, I must acknowledge the genuine character of their sincerity.

What I did not realise for the latter part of a year was the cold fact that the war was intensely unpopular with the great mass of the people, who did not ask for it and certainly did not want it who wanted nothing more, in fact, than their daily rice.

The war was not sold to the people; they merely took it on approval. The fast talking army boys, after requiring a slight deposit, promised rich dividends within a few months and the people fancied they would be picking up gold in the streets with the next frost.

Since it was rather difficult for the Japanese to gnash their teeth and work themselves into a frenzy of wrath over the Chinese, who were in danger of succumbing to the treacherous wiles of Moscow and really needed nothing but enlightenment and guidance toward prosperity, it behooved the army to dig up a whipping boy, so as to instil a bit of needed war spirit. Because Hitler was glowering at him and conditions in his own bailiwick seemed somewhat chaotic, Josef Stalin appeared to be the likeliest candidate, and his bottom was bared to the lash.

When Stalin's refusal to fill the bill was confirmed by the Kwangtung Army in the disturbance that occurred up Nomonhan way, before the climax was capped in Moscow, public opinion builders started casting about for a bigger and better scapegoat. They found John Bull, the all but forgotten despoiler of East Asia, behaving himself "most abominably" in Tientsin and sufficiently preoccupied in Europe to suit the Japanese purpose. So the hounds were off Russia and set yapping after Britain.

'Spontaneous' Displays

Acrimonious editorials, almost identical in phraseology, were vomited out by Tokyo's well-trained press and bushels of posters made their appearance overnight on telephone poles and railway abutments, bidding Britain remove itself from "our new East Asia." Purely "spontaneous" demonstrations occurred outside the gates of the British Embassy, with demonstrators arriving in municipal trucks and battalions of aproned and trousered members of women's associations on hand, by spontaneous impulse of course, to dispense ice-water to the listless flagwavers who were shouting meekly for British blood.

America had remained a true friend of Japan all the while, though somewhat standoffish, even after the renunciation of the Japanese-American treaty of commerce and navigation. It had been frequently deplored that American public opinion was so ill-informed as not to be able to grasp and appreciate the real meaning of the "Sacred Campaign" in China and cooperate with it wholeheartedly, but the official and press criticism always was kept on a constructive plane. British stock even rose a notch or so after the Berlin-Moscow deal, and the dogs were called off until Tokyo could resurvey the lay of the land.

Britain's rascality was noted again in consequence of the Asama Maru affair, but America did not become an accomplice and a full-fledged arch-enemy of all East Asia until after France had fallen and Britain appeared to be in the Nazi bag as well.

With this turn of events, the prime idea was to poison the people so thoroughly against the two remaining powerful Democracies as to win their acquiescence in an Axis partnership, since lush plums suddenly had appeared in the south.

Shiratori-Tatakawa-Suetsugu-Hashimoto and Company, Gorosukis Ltd., had crawled from under their flat rock, drafted Prince Konoye as their front man (implying strongly that a second term as Premier would be in the best interests of his health) and started undermining the Yonai Cabinet which they thoughtfully had allowed to remain in office until the Diet unpleasantness was disposed of.

The German Fifth Column, which had been filling across Siberia all winter like an army of ants (I have counted as many as 250 trucks at one time on the platform of Yokohama Station all bearing Berlin and Hamburg tags) and went into high gear simultaneously.

Certain army elements again found it necessary to prod a War Minister, and General Shunroku Hata, stalked out of Cabinet, which collapsed in his wake.

Then came the Teutonic-inspired "spy scare," featuring the arrest of a number of prominent Britons, and a general reign of terror designed to squelch the last dying opposition to the new crew and its programme. With the New Structure smoke-screen making things murky in Japan and the isolationist clamour and political preoccupation sweeping America, the irresponsible leaders in Tokyo developed the twin delusion that the United States could be bluffed into keeping to its own side of the Pacific and that the home folks were hankering for international adventure. Thus the time was thought ripe for springing the three-way alliance.

Disillusionment Arrives

Any illusions about American timidity were swept away by the evacuation of American citizens from Japan and China and the reelection of President Roosevelt, both of which events were witnessed with long faces.

As to the reaction of the Japanese people to the latest and greatest of Tokyo's diplomatic blunders, it can be said that the Axis extension ranks next in unpopularity only to the Sino-Japanese war. One "ordinarily" is not impressed by negative emotional exhibitions, but the wave of chilling silence which greeted the joint announcement carried the impact of a slap in the face. The "Hochi Shimbun," which was one of the first Nazi prizes in Japan, felt constrained to rebuke the people for their failure to whoop it up over the new pact, remarking that Herr Hitler could not but feel hurt at their lack of appreciation of Germany's unbounded benevolence.

Although the Germans are officially glorified, the Japanese realise they have maneuvered their Government into a precarious position, and they hate them intensely for it.

The situation in Japan has changed completely from 1937, when foreigners were trusted and respected, and now suspicion and open hostility are displayed against all Westerners, Germans included.

With a serious coal and power shortage admitted, and a poorly stocked larder all too evident, Japan faces a cruel winter. The supply of charcoal, the universal fuel for cooking and heating is being rationed drastically. Gas and electricity cannot be used for auxiliary warmth.

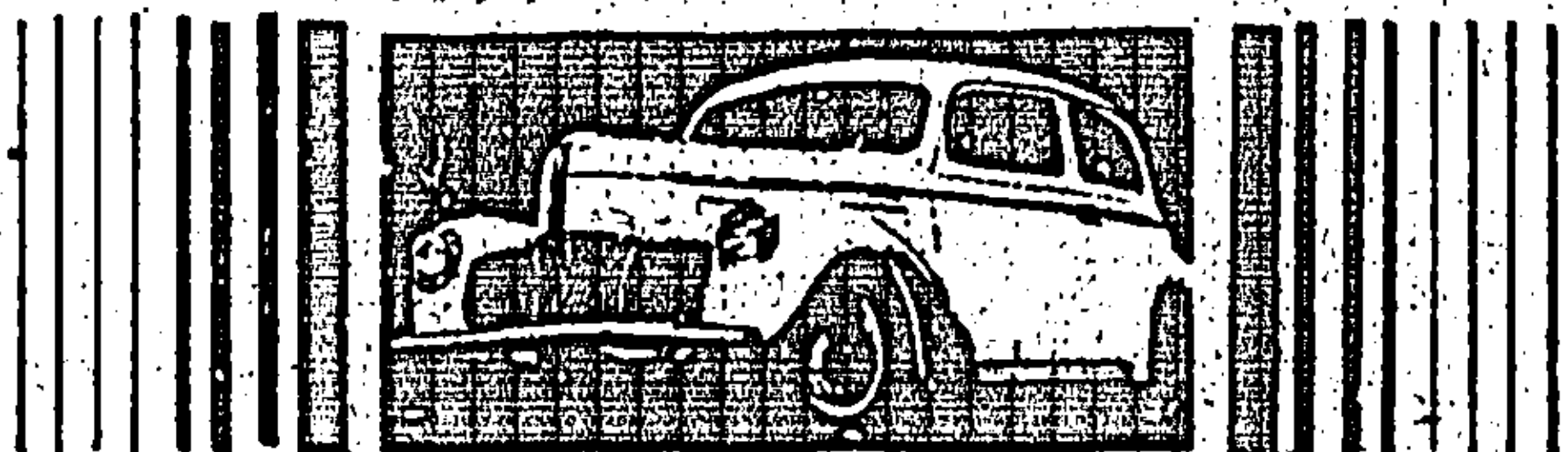
Although all commodities are available in Japan's "conquered" territories, the "conquerors" are obliged to get along on 10 small boxes of matches and a half-pound of sugar a month per household, to eat an unpalatable mixture of unpollished Formosan and Indo-Chinese rice and wheat, when they can get it. In the frequent absence of rice they eat bread, when they can get that. Restaurants serve rice only at certain specified hours of the day, and neighbourhood shops are sold out more often than not. Wheat-abhorring Tokyoites now are foraging in breadlines, for the first time in history.

What is perhaps the ultimate in irony is the fact that no Japanese can go to China unless under arms, on an official mission or on urgent business—and for the latter reason a hard-to-get police permit is required.

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TO AID TRAPPED
GIRL**

A YOUNG EX-SAILOR smashed his way during an air raid into a building which had been set on fire by a bomb. He crawled over a blazing roof, got into a bedroom, the ceiling of which was well alight, and rescued a trapped fifteen-year-old girl who was cowering by the window in her night-clothes.

While the girl was being rescued, her mother and stepfather were lying dead in the next room. It was too late to save them. It happened during a raid on a south-west town. The hero was Kenneth Long, thirty-four, a telephone linesman. The girl, Cynthia Smith, lived above a shop in the centre of the town with her mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Appleby. Mr. Appleby was the caretaker of the building.

Mr. Long was returning home from night duty when he heard the noise of a bomb coming down.

"I threw myself against a wall," Mr. Long told a reporter. "Then I heard an awful swish, and the next moment the top floor of a shop opposite me was aglow."

"I realised that the Nazi plane had dropped an oil bomb, and that there were people in the blazing building."

"Police-Constable Muller forced open the door and we dashed up to the first floor."

"We could get no further, as the staircase was ablaze. We did not know which way to turn for a moment, and then we smashed the landing window, climbed over a glass roof, then up a slate roof which was growing hot under our feet."

'My Hottest Spot'

"We smashed in a passage window on the top floor and got through it."

"It was the hottest spot I have ever been in. I threw open the only door I could see. The ceiling of the room inside was ablaze. The girl, in her nightclothes, was cowering by the window."

"I got her out and we dragged her back the way we had come. I do not know how we got down again. I asked her if there was anyone else in the building."

"All she could say was, 'In mother's room.' But it was too late for us to get back then."

Mr. Garcia, who lives in the same street, said:

"I ran to my window after the bomb landed. Already flames were shooting up through the windows and roof of the building opposite."

"For one awful moment I saw Mrs. Appleby trying to reach her window, her night-clothes ablaze."

"The bomb had dropped in the room occupied by her and her husband, and they were both burned to death."

Life Goes On

"Her daughter Cynthia was leaning out of the next window. I ran out and shouted to her not to jump as help was coming, but she vanished."

"This was the first time during an air raid that Mr. and Mrs. Appleby had not gone to their underground shelter."

The next day the shop on the ground floor was open to the public, while only the charred stairs of the building bore mute witness to the tragedy.

The staff of twenty-two were busy supplying customers with fish, standing on a floor covered with sawdust and rubble, with holes in the ceiling above them.

**HIT P. C. WITH
NAZI BOMB**

During an air raid a youth hit a policeman over the head with part of a German incendiary bomb. It was stated at a Midland police court.

Twenty stitches had to be put into the officer's wounds.

The youth was sentenced to six months' hard labour on a wounding charge.

**MOSCOW
LOOKS AT
ALBANIA**

Italy's difficulties in the war with Greece are the subject of long articles in the Moscow newspapers yesterday.

One says there is no doubt the Greeks have gained considerable successes, and adds that Italian aims in Greece demand a great number of men and a great deal of material.

"Red Star," organ of the Soviet Army, declares the Italians are encountering difficulties in the transfer of troops to Albania.

It adds the British Navy has been unable to establish control of the Adriatic owing to submarines, although it now dominates the Aegean, thereby isolating the Dodecanese Islands. — Reuter.

**GENERAL ABE'S
RESIGNATION**

Mr. Kumataro Honda, former Japanese Ambassador to Germany, has been appointed Ambassador to the Nanking regime in succession to General Nobuyuki Abe, who has resigned, according to Wang Chingwei's Central Press Service today. — Reuter.

RUMOURS DENIED

"It is absolutely without foundation," declared Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, Immigration Officer, this morning concerning rumours alleging that three employees in the Immigration Department had been dismissed for a breach of the Department regulations.

Mr. Forrest, nevertheless, indicated that "severe measures would be adopted in the event of such cases arising."

**CAR JUMPS OFF
THE ROAD**

Losing control of the car (No. 315) which he was driving yesterday, Mr. E. V. M. de Souza, of No. 39, Granville Road, narrowly escaped serious injuries when the vehicle left the road and ran into a ditch near Shatin Station. The car was badly damaged.

**PROFESSOR FOUND
GASSED**

Professor Jeffrey Frodsham, of the British Institute in Zagreb, Yugoslavia, has been found dead from gas poisoning at his flat in Zagreb. The police found a leakage in a gas-pipe in a room adjoining the one in which Mr. Frodsham slept. — Exchange.

**SAW A
BOMB
KILL SIX**

By the flash of a bomb a man saw his three sons, married daughter, and two grandchildren killed in a raid.

He and his wife, who is still in hospital, are the only survivors of eleven people trapped in the cellar of a north-east England town house which was wrecked.

He is William Hadfield, aged forty-seven, and he had been placed in the same ward as three German airmen who had been shot down.

His wife, Sarah, has now been told that her three sons, William, aged sixteen, Harry aged twelve, and Andrew, aged ten, were killed, and also her married daughter, Elizabeth Tarrant, twenty-six, and Mrs. Tarrant's two children, William, aged eight months, and Margaret, aged two and a half years.

The other victims whose bodies were taken out after many hours heroic work by rescue squads were Miss Betty Scarborough, aged twenty, her sister Gladys, aged twelve, and Miss Nancy Tarrant, aged eighteen, sister-in-law to Mrs. Tarrant.

Mr. Hadfield told a reporter: "We got the children and the others into the coal cellar."

Lucky Escape

"Suddenly there was a terrible explosion. By the flash of the bomb I saw the walls of the cellar bulge and cave in, burying our children and the others. We two on the steps had amazing escapes. We were trapped and I could only move one hand. We could hear the rescuers and I kept on shouting."

"I managed to move a brick from my wife's head and tried to cheer her up, as she was beginning to lose hope."

"I said to her: 'Sarah, while there's life there's hope,' and she smiled back bravely at me. 'Several hours I could just see a pin-point of light as the rescuers worked feverishly to release us.'"

**183 MILES
TO A FIRE**

Because he wanted experience a Manchester part-time auxiliary fireman hitch-hiked to London—183 miles—and gave up his week's holiday to fight bomb fires.

He is Frank Morris, of Richmond Road, Fallowfield, Manchester, a motor-drive and member of Birchfield, Manchester, A.F.S.

Starting a week's holiday, Morris decided to set out for London to obtain practice at real fires. But money for railway fares could not be spared, so he left his wife and eight-year-old son at 7.30 on Sunday morning, and got lifts on lorries. He arrived the same night.

His determination to become a full-time fireman for a week was strengthened when he saw what bombs had done to his sister's home in London.

He joined up at No. 40 Fire Station and the experience he sought was quickly forthcoming.

Bomb Blew Fire Out

"When Frank left on the Sunday morning, I thought he was going to live at his sister's home," Mrs. Morris told a reporter. "It was not until I received a letter from him on the following Thursday that I found he was fulfilling his desire to get some real fire-fighting practice. From the letter he told me he certainly was busy."

"During the whole week he did not take off his uniform, and had only two hours' sleep."

"A German bomber swooped to drop a bomb while Frank was fighting one fire. The explosion blew the fire out."

UNARMED COMBAT LIGHT BOMBS ON LONDON

---IT'S CALLED---

THE ARMY is being taught "unarmed combat" — and it's very rough. When the Germans invaded Norway and Holland and Belgium, the defenders could hardly tell friend from foe, and many were overpowered by surprise attack.

So the British soldier is to be trained to defend himself against this sort of thing even when he is unarmed.

For this purpose the Army has built up a system of training which makes use of the best (or worst) tricks of the orthodox wrestling styles, of the boxing ring and of the "rough-house."

The result, as demonstrated at a physical training centre in the Southern Command, is something very much to be avoided.

There are weapons less fearsome than the bare hands of a sergeant-major instructor, who threw men about as though they were dolls.

"Unarmed combat" is no affair of taboos and niceties of behaviour. Kicking, gouging, butting — all these it permits against a foe who knows no rules.

While two instructors were locked in mimic fight, an expert said: "War is always a matter of life and death even between unarmed men. So against the sort of opponent we have to face we cannot afford to have any scruples about the methods we use."

Such things as kicking and gouging are detestable to us. But we must learn to use them against the Hun — and we must use them without a tremor."

A Pretty Throw

As he spoke, one of the instructors sprang head-over-heels and landed on his back. The other pounced upon him and held him fast.

"A very pretty throw," commented the expert, "and very nicely judged. A little misjudgment and we might have had a broken collar-bone then."

"Unarmed combat," the Army says, gives a man self-confidence and initiative, and teaches him to acquit himself as a soldier even

although he finds himself in the most desperate of situations.

— as, for instance, unarmed facing an enemy charging with fixed bayonet.

Then the answer, it seems, is a swift movement made up of a duck, a parry and a twisting of the rifle in the enemy's hands. As performed by the demonstrators it lays the enemy on his back in a second.

There is a neat trick of stalking and silently overpowering a sentry; another of using the tin hat as a weapon of offence.

As instructors leave the centre, so unarmed combat will be introduced to the ranks.

AS A RULE NAZI RAIDERS ARE USING LIGHT CALIBRE BOMBS IN THEIR ATTACKS ON LONDON.

Of the thousands of bombs which have been dropped, by far the greater number range in weight from 25 to 100 pounds. A small percentage are of the 250 pounds calibre.

A few "thousand pounders" which have been dropped on docks are believed to be the heaviest type Germany possesses. They are, however, regarded by experts as uneconomical, and Germany has few aircraft capable of carrying them.

There is a general impression that Germany is using the smaller type of bombs primarily with a view to causing as much fright and inconvenience as possible to civilian population and industrial workers over a wide area.

STILL OPEN — DESPITE BOMB

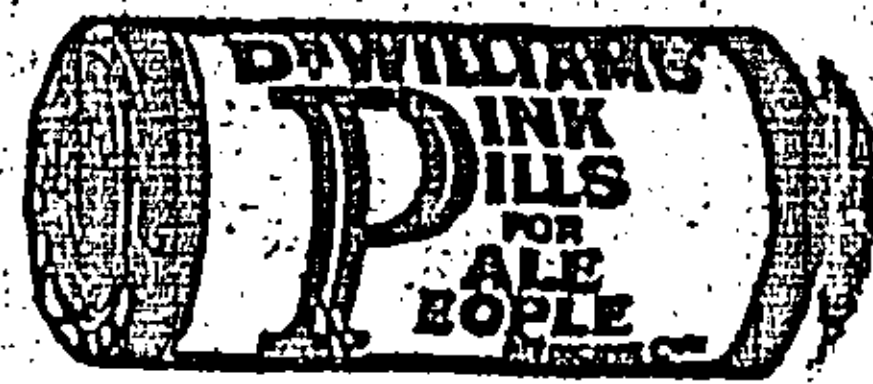
"Established 1628 — still open," so runs a notice outside bomb damaged premises in a S.E. district.



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HE SAID HITLER WAS INSANE

The noted Norwegian psychiatrist, Dr. J. Scharffenberg, aged 80, who before the occupation by the Nazis published scientific articles in the Norwegian press declaring that Hitler was insane, has been arrested.

When Germans entered Norway Dr. Scharffenberg went to them and announced that he was the author of those articles, adding that he preferred not to wait for the Gestapo. They did not arrest him, but ordered him to report to them every evening.

Recently in addressing students, he violently attacked Quisling's contention that King Haakon was illegally elected, and was wildly applauded. This caused his arrest.

Further serious anti-Quisling demonstrations by students are reported from Oslo.

CLIMBED GAOL ROOF, FELL

Climbing the roof of one of the prison buildings at Dartmoor early in the morning, a prisoner ripped some slates from the roof and smashed three of the skylights.

Suddenly he disappeared through one of them.

Many people from the main road witnessed the incident.

SEAVACUEES' FREE SCHOOL

Britain's child evacuees will not be charged school fees in Boston. The chairman of the City's School Committee announced that the fee usually charged non-residents for tuition at City schools would be dropped for Britain's refugee children staying with Boston families. — Associated Press.

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BRIDGE NOTES

REFUSING A FINESSE

By The Four Aces

To-day's hand is really pretty elementary, but we happened to see a pretty good player "huff" it, so there must be more point to it than we think:

South, Dealer
East-West vulnerable
K 10 8 6
Q J 8 4 3
7 8 4
Q
A A 4
10 9
K 8 5 3 2
10 8 7 3
N
W
E
S
7 6 2
A K 5
J 10 9
J 5 6 2
Q J 9 3
7 6 2
A K 9 4

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♠	Pass

West opened the Ace of trumps and continued with his other trump. South winning with the nine. Declared, then led a heart.

West played the ten, and East took his King. When East returned the Jack of diamonds, South made the mistake of finessing.

And there, of course, went the game, for another heart trick had to be lost. South's excuse was that he thought the hearts were badly split.

That, of course, was entirely beside the point. If the hearts were badly split — that is, if three heart losers were unavoidable — the contract was unmakeable. But South was not vulnerable and had not been doubled, so his proper course was to disregard the risk of being set two tricks in order to preserve the best chance for the contract.

South's correct play is to put up the diamond Ace, cash the club Queen, get back to his own hand by drawing East's last trump, and discard dummy's diamonds on the Ace and King of clubs. Then another heart lead establishes dummy's suit and the rest is easy.

Saturday you were. Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

A K Q 5 2
10 7 5
4 3 2
8 6 4

The bidding:

Dealer	Jacoby	Schenken	You
Pass	1♥	Pass	(?)

ANSWER: Bid two hearts. You can't be sure whether your hand is worth one or two responses. The raise will give your partner a chance to indicate whether or not he has a good hand.

Score 100% for two hearts; 60% for one spade; 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 584

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

A 4
10 5 3 2
Q 6 5 4
Q 7 5 4

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	Dealer	You
1NT	2♠	Pass	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer

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LONDON'S SPIRIT IS UNBROKEN

Londoners are "hopping mad, but are showing no signs of defeatism." That is the message a correspondent (quoted by Reuter) sent to New York.

For nights now the Nazi vengeance raiders have tried to break the spirit of London. And they have failed—dismally.

Londoners have set their teeth; they can grin and bear it. In their thousands they waited patiently at suburban stations to find out what facilities were available to take them to business.

No matter how packed were railway carriages, it always seemed possible to make room for one more. In many London streets a great army trekked on foot to office and workshop.

Communal Vehicles

Sometimes they paused to catch a glimpse of heaped debris that was once a building. Then they passed on.

For the most part, trains were running from the outer suburbs of points within reach of the centre of London, the from these workers had to devise their own means of transport.

The majority walked, and those who remembered byways which were discovered during the general strike fourteen years ago reaped the advantage, for they were able to get away from traffic hold-ups and keep clear of the busier routes.

Some hired taxis, but as the demand far exceeded the supply parties were often formed of those going to a certain area, and the

REFUGEES DON'T MIND THE RAIDS

French, Belgian and Dutch refugees in London are not as a rule much alarmed by the air raids.

These, they say, are nothing to what they have endured in their own countries. Not because the scale of the raids is not considerable, but because our defence is so powerful.

In their own countries the Nazis did as they pleased because there was no effective defence. There they watched with utter helplessness the spectacle of the German dive-bombers bombing and machine-gunning terrorised crowds.

Confidence in Barrage

"It is so different in London," they say. By day most of the raiders are kept away; those which do reach the capital have to keep height and clear off at full speed from our fighters.

By night the terrific barrage gives the refugees the confidence they never knew at home.

To that confidence is added the resolution of Londoners and the development of shelter protection already far surpassing anything these exiles had in their homelands.

MOTHERS ANNOYED

After leaving two of her children in the United States and the other two in Canada for the duration, Mrs. Ruth Drummond, of Bedford, is returning to England to help beat Hitler.

"We have another two months of hard work, and then we'll start pushing them back," said Mrs. Drummond before she left Trenton, New Jersey.

"We're prepared to live in the ruins of our houses," she declared.

"They can't break our spirit. We're angry."

Mrs. Drummond has left Ivor, aged seven, and Lucille, six, to the care of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Gould, magazine editors, of Trenton.

Commissioner Host

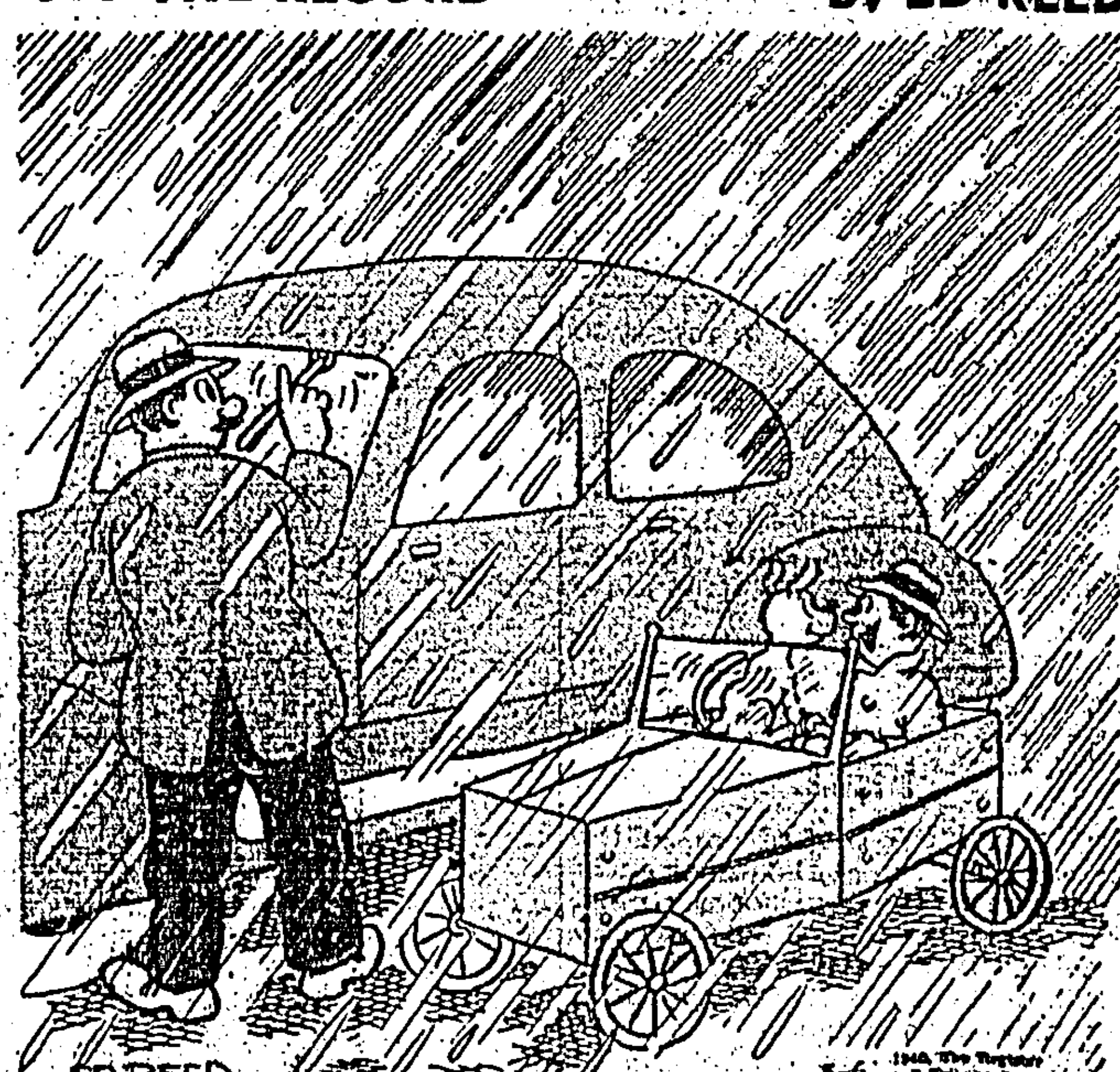
Her other two children, Ann, aged eleven, and Elizabeth, aged nine, are the guests of Mrs. Iris Leeming, Girl Guide Commissioner, in Toronto.

vehicle was shared on a communal basis.

Because of the unusually heavy pressure, buses, taxis and cars were only able to crawl down the Strand and Fleet Street at what is normally the peak period. The congestion was made worse because the raids had affected Covent Garden.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED

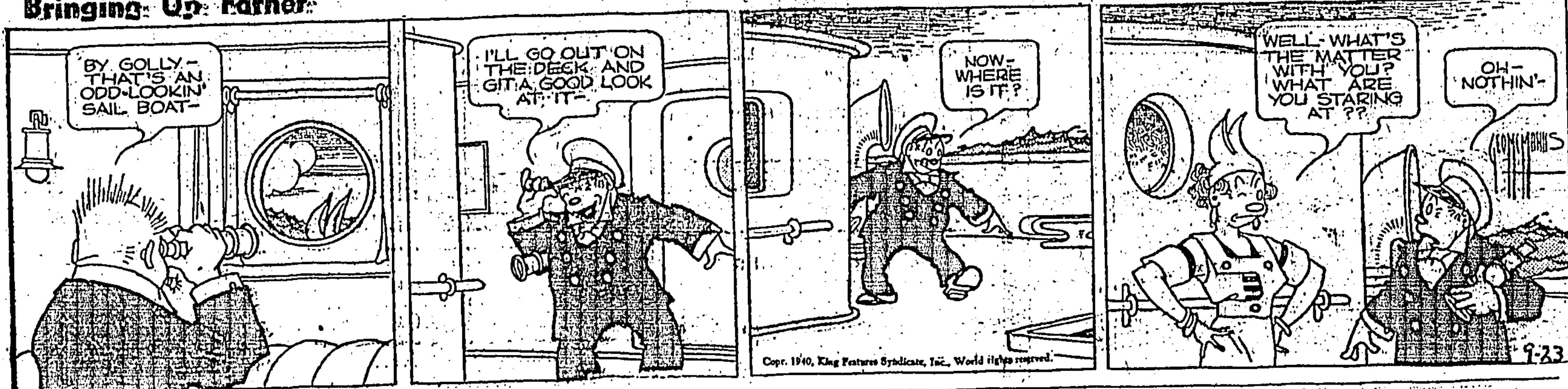


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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

A Golliwog

You can knit this cuddly toy in an evening for a tiny's Christmas stocking.

Any small child would be delighted to find this cuddly gollywog sticking out of the top of an exciting looking stocking on Christmas Day. He's quite easy to make, being designed in plain knitting; in fact, his little woolly body could be made in an evening.

Then all there is to do is to stuff him firmly with cottonwool and sew him up.

Material required.—1oz. red wool for pullover, 1oz. sky blue for trousers, 1oz. dark blue for head, small quantity of white wool, 1 pair No. 10 Stratoid knitting needles.

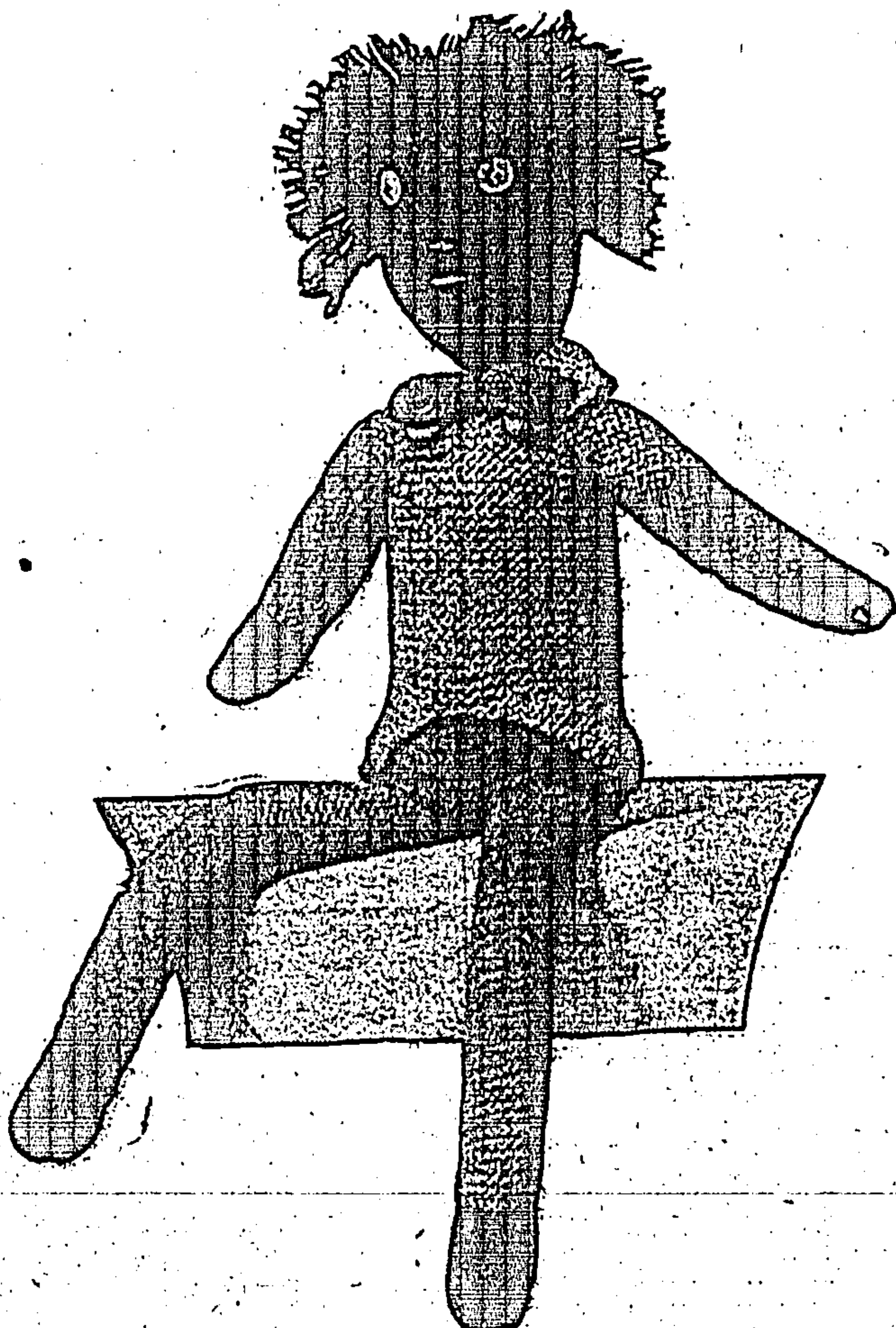
Red Pullover

BACK.—Cast on 30 sts. in red wool and knit 5½ in. in garter st. Cast on 20 sts. at beginning of the next two rows for sleeves.

Knit 2 in. Then cast off 7 sts. at beginning of next two rows, and 14 sts. at beginning of the 2 following rows. Knit one row, cast off 28 sts.

FRONT.—Cast on 6 sts., knit 1 row. At beginning of next row, cast on 1 st., next row knit. Repeat these two rows until there are 15 sts. on needle. Break off wool.

Work another piece to correspond, then knit across the two



He's sure of a welcome in his red pullover and sky blue trousers.

pieces and work as for the back, except that 23 sts. must be cast off instead of 14 for the last two rows, therefore finally cast off 10 sts.

Sew the shoulders together (back and front), and knit on the end of each sleeve about 1 in. dark blue wool for the hands, decreasing 1 st. each end of the needle. Cast off.

Sky Blue Trousers

Cast on 30 sts. with sky blue wool. Knit 2 in.; then a further inch, decreasing 2 sts. at both sides of each row. There should now be 20 sts. on needle.

Knit for the front of each leg 10 sts. 4 in. long and 2 in. with dark blue wool for the feet. Cast off.

Repeat the same pattern for the backs of the trousers. Sew the two halves together.

Golly's Head

With dark blue wool, cast on 10 sts. Increase 1 st. at each end of every row until there are 14 sts. Then decrease 1 st. at each end until there are 10 sts. Make another piece the same for the back. Sew both pieces together, but not the neck.

For the hair pull threads of wool of equal length through the seam at the top of the head, and knot.

Sew white buttons on to the face with sky blue wool for the eyes. The nose and mouth are embroidered in red wool.

The Collar

With white wool cast on 40 sts. Decrease 1 st. on every row until there are 12 sts. Cast off.

BOW.—With white wool cast on 20 sts. and knit 7 rows, cast off.

To Make Up.—Stuff the head, pullover and trousers with cotton wool. Sew the pullover on to the head and trousers. Stitch on the collar, make a knot in the bow and stitch it to the collar, and the jolly Gollywog is finished.

Eyes Bright

HERE are some complaints which have been cropping up regularly lately: "Eyes somehow feel smaller"; "lids crepey and discoloured"; "tired-looking eyes"; "lashes poor and dropping out a lot."

They're all cases of "war-eyes." Nervous strain shows more quickly round the eyes than on any other part of the face.

If there's pain or serious inflammation you should consult an oculist, of course. They might be caused by something more complicated than "war eyes." But straightforward cases of this kind can be dealt with quite simply.

First, the eyes need baths in a good lotion. Exercises, too, are essential, and as they can be done at any time during the day and almost anywhere we can all manage to fit them in.

You'll find a daily eye-mask treatment a great comfort, also. Ten minutes of it freshens the nerves up wonderfully.

And now to do away with the outward evidence of "war-eyes." After bathing the eyes and exercising them, carefully dry the lids.

Then apply to them with a brush a small quantity of an oil which will make up the diminished lubrication to full quota.

Work the oil gently into the lids with the fingers for a few minutes—being careful not to get any into the tear duct opening in the corner of the eye. It'll disappear, if you do.



Now put a drop of the oil on first finger and thumb and gently pull the eyelashes, beginning at the inner corner of the lid.

On the top lids the movement should be outward and upward; on the lower downward and outward. It's the best treatment possible for them.

Finally, apply a little more oil to the eyelash roots and to the lashes themselves.

The lids will soon become smooth and white, and the lashes will shoot up—thick, silky, long.

I'd advise the use of a little special protective shadow on the lids. You can put it on so that it won't show if you don't want it to. And it will prevent the oils from drying out during the day.

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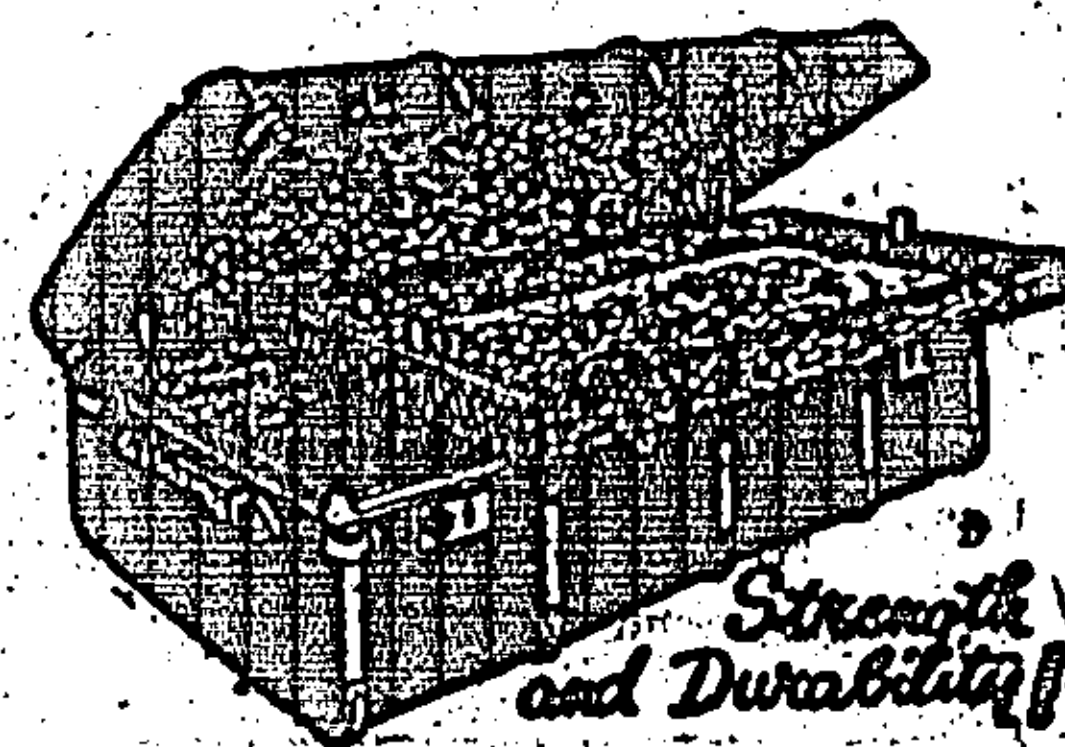
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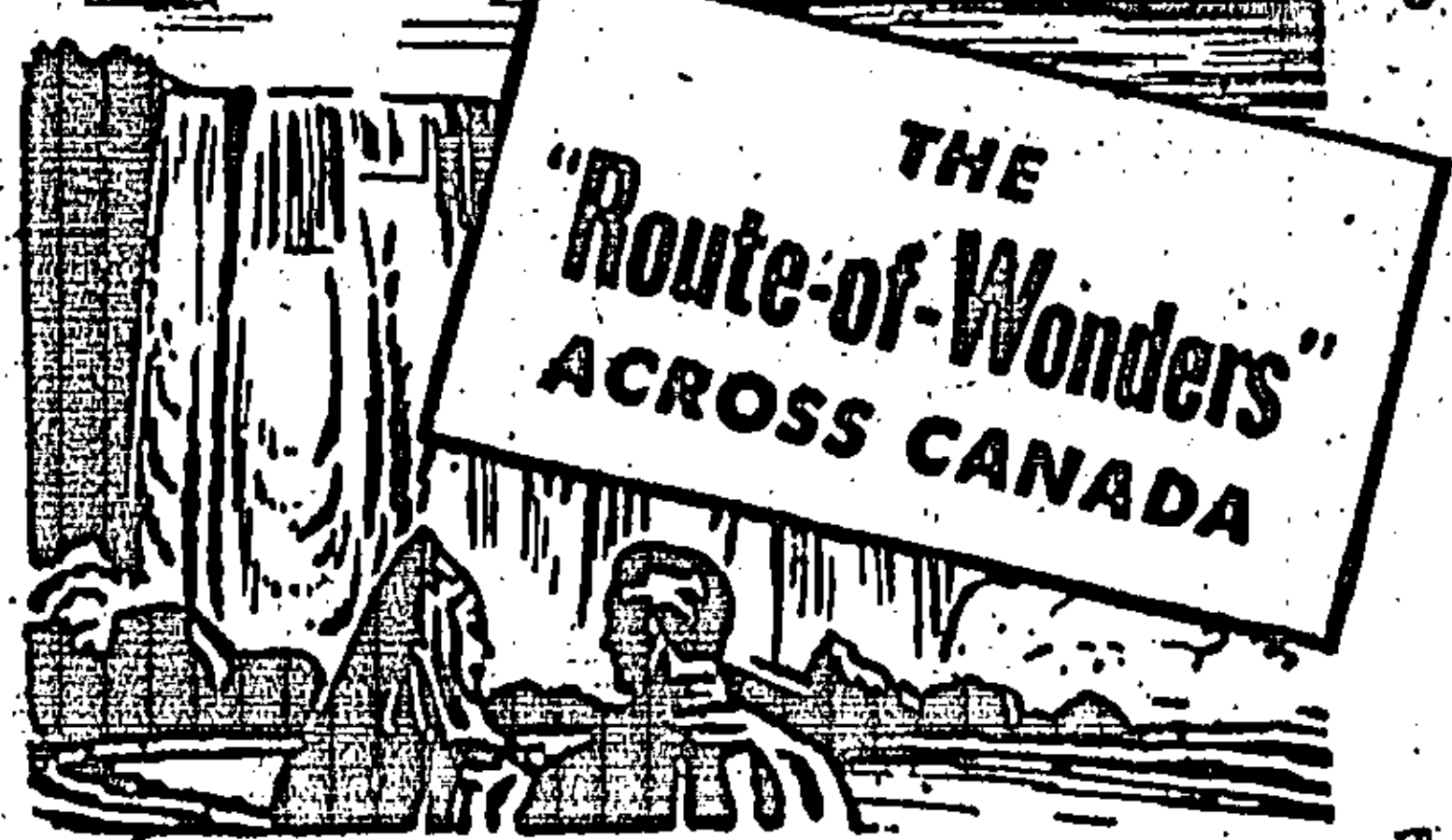
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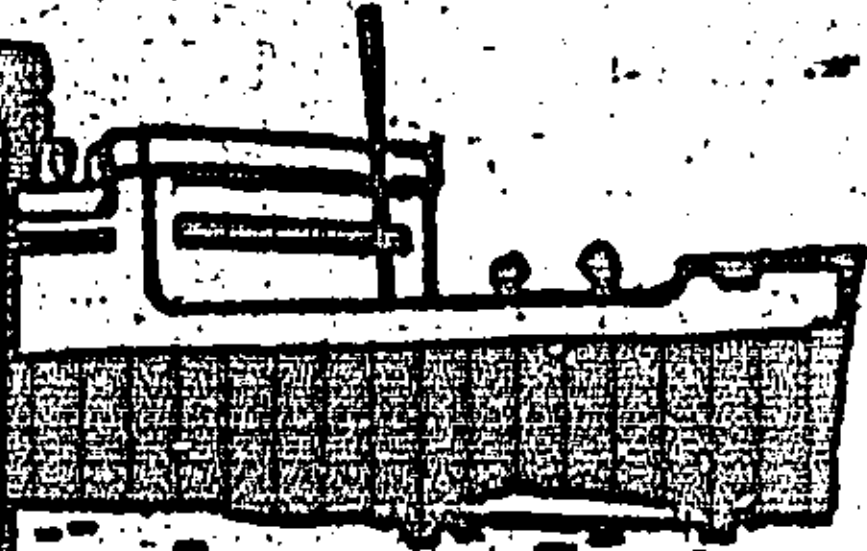
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—The Comedy Harmonists.

12.45 p.m.—Strauss' Waltzes.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Compositions of Gershwin.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Variety, with Ernest Jones, Bing Crosby and the Mills Brothers; Terence Casey and Walsh and Barker.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Selections from Light Opera.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 p.m.—Old Time Variety.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—This week's programmes.

8.07 p.m.—Robinson Cleaver at the Organ.

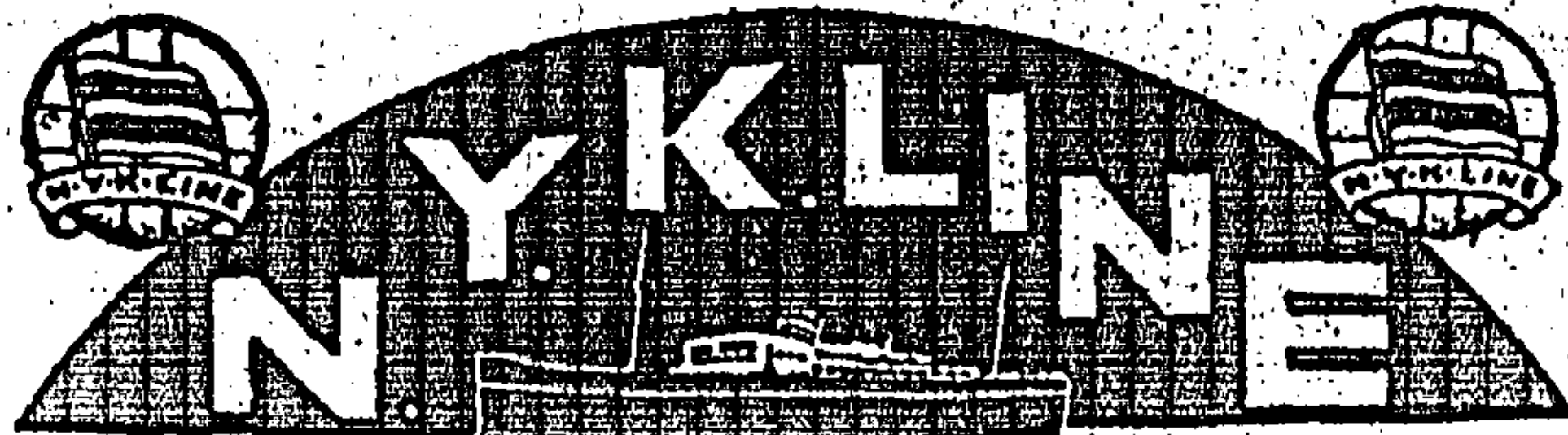
8.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Hb. Gang!"

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 p.m.—Selections from Well Known Dallets.

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11.00 p.m.—Close Down.



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POLICE ATHLETIC MEETING

Ideal weather conditions favoured the First Annual Asiatic Athletic Sports Meeting held by the Police on their ground at Boundary Street yesterday afternoon when the large number of spectators, who attended, were treated to some very keen competition.

It must have been disappointing to competitors and spectators alike that no times in track events and distances or heights in the field events were recorded, though the standard in some cases was quite high.

Mrs. G. C. Perdue, wife of the Acting Commissioner of Police, distributed the prizes to various winners of the day.

Mr. Perdue, at the conclusion of the programme, thanked the Committee for arranging the Meeting and the competitors for giving him and his wife such an enjoyable afternoon's sport.

Mr. Perdue hoped that every member of the Indians and Chinese in the Force would, from this date, use the ground every day in order to help the Force to send out teams as good as any in the Colony to take part in Colony athletic meetings.

Following are the detailed results:—

100 Yards (Cantonese):—1, C135; 2, C300 and 3, C863.

100 Yards (Indians):—1, B560; 2, B616 and 3, B799.

100 Yards (Water Police):—1, W76; 2, W108 and 3, W123.

100 Yards (C.S.I.):—1, Fung Shu-lung; 2, Ip Man-wai and 3, Ho Shu-luen.

220 Yards (All Contingents):—1, Fung Shu-lung (C.S.I.); 2, B616; 3, C135 and 4, Ho Shu-luen (C.S.I.).

440 Yards (All Contingents):—1, B560; 2, B38 and 3, B616.

High Jump (All Contingents):—1, Ng Kok-hung (C.S.I.); 2, B691 and 3, Ip Man-wai (C.S.I.).

Obstacle Race (All Contingents):—1, W120; 2, W167 and 3, C865.

Sack Race (All Contingents):—1, B461; 2, B616 and 3, C869.

One Mile (All Contingents):—1, B767; 2, C300 and 3, B337.

Long Jump (All Contingents):—1, B616; 2, B560 and 3, Cheng Ka-chung (C.S.I.).

Putting the Shot (Indians):—1, B389; 2, B461 and 3, B767.

Putting the Shot (Chinese):—1, Ng Kok-hung (C.S.I.); 2, D197 and 3, D269.

Tug of War (Indians):—1, (Indian constables Nos. 74, 199, 389, 258, 364, 448, 481 and 622) and 2, (Water Police seamen Nos. W164, 52, 41, 22, 167, 20, 120 and 546).

Relay Race (Indians):—Winning Team B560, B616, B799 and B20.

Relay Race (Chinese):—Winning Team Ho Shu-luen (C.S.I.), C135, C846 and C863.

Throwing the Cricket Ball (All Contingents):—1, B767, 2, C300 and 3, B337.

Following are the best individuals among their respective Contingents and the names in the bracket are showing the donors of the respective Cups:—

Indians:—B560 (A.S.P. Mr. E. C. Luscombe).

Cantonese:—C135 (Mr. T. O. Tso).

Wei-hai-wei Contingents:—D197 (C.I. H.K., Mr. W. R. Chester-Woods).

Water Police:—W76 (A.S.P. K. Mr. F. E. E. Booker).

Chinese Sub-Inspectors:—Fung Shu-lung and Ng Kok-hung (A.S.P. Mr. R. H. E. Marks).

Note:—These two competitors secured same amount of points and a toss was offered to decide the final winner and subsequently the former found his luck.

One Mile Cup:—B767 (A.D.C.I. Mr. F. W. Shaffatain).

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Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands had to slide down the banisters from a top-floor flat in London early in the morning after the stairs had been wrecked by a bomb.

He was visiting friends in a third-floor flat and was preparing to leave and go to his car parked outside when the bomb fell.

Every one in the flat flung themselves to the floor.

The bomb came in through a window above the stairs. As the dust cleared Prince Bernhard saw that the banisters of a part of the stairway still stood.

He slid down into the wreckage on the ground floor. Then he helped Home Guards and A.R.P. workers to rescue the other people in the flat.

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ANOTHER GRAND RALLY IN CLOSING MINUTES

Sing Tao Score Twice In Last 6 Minutes

Gift Goal Scored By Fung King-cheong

By "Referee"

AFTER OUTPLAYING SING TAO IN THE FIRST HALF, DURING WHICH THEY SCORED TWO GOALS WITHOUT REPLY, EASTERN TOOK THINGS MUCH TOO EASILY IN THE SECOND PERIOD AND PAID THE PENALTY BY BEING FORCED TO A TWO-ALL DRAW, SING TAO STAGING A SENSATIONAL RECOVERY TO SCORE THEIR GOALS IN THE LAST SIX MINUTES OF THE GAME. THEY APPLIED SUCH HEAVY PRESSURE IN THE CLOSING STAGES THAT EASTERN WERE IN DANGER OF DEFEAT WHEN THE FINAL WHISTLE SOUNDED. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT IN THEIR MATCH AGAINST SOUTH CHINA SING TAO ALSO STAGED A SPECTACULAR RALLY IN THE CLOSING MINUTES TO SHARE THE POINTS.

There was no doubt as to the superiority of Eastern in the first half, and also for the greater part of the second period. Only Cheong Wing-choy, in Sing Tao's goal, prevented Eastern from obtaining a bigger lead. He saved two certain goals with clever anticipation and positioning.

Ip Pak-wah and Lau Ting-sang were absent from the Sing Tao team while Lo Wai-kuen was replaced in the Eastern intermediate line by Ng Kee-cheong. Ying Shée came into the back line, partnered by Kong Sing-king.

These changes made little difference to both teams. Lau Tau-man played a fairly good game on the left wing and followed the instructions given him by centring every time he gained possession. Had he used his own initiative more and cut in when opportunity arose, he might have been a bigger threat to the opposing defence. Chul Ah-fai, in the Sing Tao defence, had an off day. He was slow and his passing left much to be desired. Leung Wing-shui, at right half, was also off colour and it was fortunate for Sing Tao that Soong Lung-sing, in the pivotal position, was up to form. Even then he had all his work cut out to cope with the nippy Eastern inside forwards, though in the closing stages of the game he was prominent with some clever heading and was indirectly responsible for his team sharing the spoils.

Lee's Off Day

Lee Ting-sang had an unhappy afternoon at left back for Sing Tao. He was badly rattled by the fast Chung Yung-sum and Chang Kam-hoi, and was directly responsible for Eastern's first goal, also contributing to the second which followed a foul against Chang.

Fung King-cheong played a lifeless game in the first half and did not seem to have his usual dash. His passing was also at fault and he seemed content in most cases to send the ball to Lau Tau-man or Tang Kwong-sum, the wingers.

Lai and Kwok were just two players in the forward line in the first half. Both could not do any-

thing against the Eastern defence and were very subdued. The star man of the Eastern team was Hsu King-seng at centre-half. He relieved many a dangerous situation by his tackling and played an extremely calm game even when heavily pressed.

Fine Defensive Game

Ng Kee-cheong, at left half, gave a fine exhibition of defensive play, using his head to the greatest advantage and having Tang Kwong-sum covered throughout. Few defenders can use the head to greater advantage than Ng, and on his display yesterday he must be seriously considered for the "big" games.

Hyui and Tao in the forward line showed good ball control and often had the Sing Tao defence spreadeagled with their accurate passing and positional play. It was only Cheong Wing-choi who prevented them from scoring. Hau Ching-tao was as usual dangerous on the left wing. He scored a good goal, and sent in many stinging shots which were saved by Cheong.

Lau Hing-hon, in Eastern's goal, played a sound game in the first half and for the greater part of the second half. He was unfortunate when he erred in throwing the ball to Fung King-cheong who scored the equalising goal in the closing minutes of the game.

While Eastern appeared to have had the game in hand from the start, they might have pressed home their advantage on several occasions but their forwards, in the second half, slackened. It is to Sing Tao's credit, however, that when all seemed lost, they persevered and earned the point which is valuable to them.

The game started with Eastern pressing and a few minutes from the start Hyui placed them in the lead when Lee Ting-sang miskicked. A few minutes later Eastern increased their lead through Hau Ching-tao, who scored following a free kick.

Grand Saves

Cheong Wing-choi then came into the limelight when he saved a grounders from a free kick taken by Hsu, and shortly after, he cleared from the goal line with Hau in close attendance.

At the other end Fung missed with a header when well placed and Kwok just skimmed the cross bar. Lai Shui-wing had a powerful shot smothered.

In the second half Sing Tao were on the defensive for some time but took the initiative late in the game. Lai Shui-wing forced a corner and Lau Tau-man sent in a beautiful shot which was headed in by Kwok who beat Lau all the way.

Healed by this success Sing Tao applied pressure and forced several corners. Lai Shui-wing broke through but in attempting to steady himself was robbed. The equalising goal came through Fung King-cheong. Lau Hing-hon, Eastern's goal-keeper, had pressed, unfortunately,

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AND GOAL-SCORERS

Following were yesterday football results and goal-scorers.

FIRST DIVISION

Eastern 2 Sing Tao 2
V. K. Hyui and Kwok Ying-kee
Hau Ching-to and Fung King-cheong

SECOND DIVISION

Engineers 8 R. Navy 0
Lee Wai-jam
(4) Fox 2 and Pelham (2)

THIRD DIVISION

Service Corps 0 24th R.A. 2
Mason and Read
36th R.A. 1 7th R.A. 0

ly threw the ball to Fung who, with a well-placed kick, sent the leather into the net.

Sing Tao were pressing when the final whistle sounded.

EASTERN—Lau Hing-hon; Kong Seng-king and Yin See; Lau Tse-chen, Hsu King-seng and Ng Kee-cheong; Chung Yung-sum, Chang Kam-hoi, V. Y. Hyui, C. T. Tso and Hau Ching-to.

SING TAO—Cheong Wing-choi; Lee Ting-sang and Hau Yung-sang; Leung Wing-chui, Soong Lung-sing and Chul Ah-fai; Tang Kwong-sum, Fung King-cheong, Kwok Ying-kee, Lai Shui-wing and Lau Tau-man.

SATURDAY'S SPORTS

Cricket

Centurions by Lawrence and K. Y. Tam and some fine bowling by Macaulay of Diocesan Boys' School were the features of the week-end cricket programme.

Following were the best individual performances:—

BATTING
J. F. Lawrence 100
K. Y. Tam 100
Murray 76
F. E. Lawrence 72
W. H. Colledge 49
G. Hong Choy 40
K. R. West 42

BOWLING
Macaulay 7 for 14
Asome 6 for 45
Carey 5 for 23
Lockhurst 5 for 32
Souza 5 for 63
Brown 4 for 14
M. R. Abbas 4 for 28
S. K. Khan 4 for 37
Pope 4 for 45

Soccer

OUTSTANDING performance in the football League on Saturday was International's victory over Royal Air Force, who thus lost their unbeaten record. Air Force have a useful lead at the head of the table but will have to show better form in the remaining games. Kwong Wah registered their first win by beating Cub's. He had goal in seven. The proceeds of the game will be donated

STONOR AND MURRAY IN BIG STAND

A big unbroken partnership between Stonor and Murray which realised 85 runs, gave R.A.P.C. a big win over 12th Hvy. Regiment, R.A., yesterday. Stonor hit seven fours in his 53 not out, and Murray six in his 42 not out. Murray also bowled well.

12TH R.A.			
Denton, b Murray	27		
Wa son, b Murray	12		
Cent Singh, b Murray	3		
Horne, c Chalcraft, b Murray	0		
Heeb, b Murray	9		
Card, b Benford	7		
Archer, c Pendergast, b Benford	0		
Heslop, c Stone, b Pinkney	0		
Downes, not out	19		
Ingleby, run out	10		
Martin, c Murray, b Benford	10		
Extras (W2, B15)	17		
Total	114		
Bowling Analysis			
	O.	M.	R.
Chalcraft	6	1	28
Murray	8	0	33
Benford	8	0	23
Pinkney	5	0	13
R.A.P.C.			
Stonor, not out	53		
Whitton, b Downes	5		
Hemming, l.b.w., b Denton	4		
Murray, not out	42		
Extras (BII)	11		
Total (for 2 wickets)	115		
Pendergast, Chalcraft, Benford, Stone, Carden, Pinkney and Smar, did not bat.			
Bowling Analysis			
	O.	M.	R.
Denton	11	0	50
Downes	7	1	23
Ingleby	3	0	31

ed to charity. Shell showed improved form by sharing the points with 12th Royal Artillery.

Polo

H.K.S.R.A. "A" won the K.O.V.I. Cup for the first time since its inception in 1912 by beating their "B" team by 12 goals to nil on Saturday. The "Subsidiary Cup" was won by F. Deane who beat Mid-dlesex by four clear goals.

Rugby

Club dropped a valuable point in the Quadrangular Rugby tournament when they shared 1 points with Navy at Happy Valley on Saturday. The result was a fair one and this was Club's second draw in two weeks. They drew with Army previously. Army, though not at full strength, proved too strong for Police and won by 19-3.

Hockey

CONTINUING the fine form shown in previous games nine Hong Kong Ladies players had no difficulty against eight St. Andrew's ladies in a friendly hockey game at the Valley on Saturday and won by four clear goals. Miss J. Hall played a brilliant game in the St. Andrew's goal while Miss C. Gray, Miss McCaw and Miss R. Smith were outstanding for the winners.

MACAO SWEEPS

Results of the cash sweeps at yesterday's meeting of the Macao Jockey Club were:

Race No. 1	
No. 65	\$247.00
" 421	70.00
" 197	35.30
Unplaced ponies (\$7.50 each):	
Nos. 172, 423, 126, 230.	
Race No. 2	
No. 240	\$258.50
" 173	76.10
" 409	37.10
Unplaced ponies (\$20.60 each):	
Nos. 26, 212.	
Race No. 3	
No. 30	\$291.10
" 107	88.10
" 159	41.00
Unplaced ponies (\$25.10 each):	
Nos. 140, 4.	
Race No. 4	
No. 166	\$204.40
" 222	58.40
" 164	29.20
Unplaced pony (\$32.40): No. 435.	
Race No. 5	
No. 18279	\$3,674.43
" 1224	2,478.40
" 4209	1,239.20
Unplaced ponies (\$125.17 each):	
Nos. 21067, 19739, 13636, 1743, 9109, 22581, 11306, 18376, 10013, 13016, 5244.	
Race No. 6	
No. 75	\$294.00
" 17	83.90
" 149	42.00
Unplaced pony (\$23.30): No. 117.	

HONG CHOY'S FINE BOWLING

Despite a gallant effort by Hong Choy, who took 7 wickets at exactly 9 runs apiece, Engineers lost to Arts & Science by 7 wickets in an inter-Faculty match on the Pokfulam ground yesterday.

The losers batted first but were dismissed for a paltry 58, thanks to some steady bowling by Lo and Cheung.

Losing their first wicket without any runs being scored, Arts & Science recovered somewhat when Mazuza and A. Ahmed put on 25 for the second wicket and the required runs were knocked off after only three wickets had fallen; the scores being:—

ENGINEERS	
G. Hong Choy, b Mazuza	0
K. S. Lien, b Lo	2
Lee Hon Fong, c and b Matthews	15
F. W. Kuaim, b Lo	4
Lam Yui-Tack, b Lo	0
W. H. Fong, b Matthews	22
Ho Hon-fah, b Cheung	6
V. Vorabior, b Cheung	0
B. W. Henkin, b Cheung	0
Hukam Singh, not out	0
Tse Foo-sing, run out	0
Extras (B3, W4)	9
Total	58
Bowling Analysis	
	O.
Mazuza	4
Lo	2
Cheung	3.4
Matthews	3

	M.	R.	W.
Mazuza	4	2	8
Lo	4	0	17
Cheung	3.4	0	10
Matthews	3	1	14

ARTS & SCIENCE	
A. Ho, b Hong Choy	0
A. Ahmed, b Hong Choy	14
F. Mazuza, b Hong Choy	26
B. Ahmed, b Hong Choy	1
O. V. Cheung, b Hong Choy	10
C. K. Lee, b Hong Choy	15
I. H. V. Kerr, b Hong Choy	2
L. Sung, c and b Lee	4
K. Lo, b Fong	14
T. C. Park, b Lee	4
C. N. Matthews, not out	25
Extras (B3, LB3, W1)	12
Total	127
Bowling Analysis	
	O.
Hong Choy	12
Fong	4
Lee	0.5
Ho	2

	M.	R.	W.
Hong Choy	12	0	63
Fong	4	1	17
Lee	0.5	1	23
Ho	2	0	7

Competition between the "Stay-pus" and "Sent-Aways" at C.S.C. is getting so keen that there are prospects of a football match being arranged between the two sides. It has been suggested that this game be held on the "morning after" the Xmas Eve celebrations!

Lieut. Ansari, who has kept wicket for Army 2nd XI in a few of their cricket matches, has decided that owing to lack of facilities for practice, he will not be playing any more cricket this season. It is a pity as he was just getting used to the light here.

The two Pilo brothers, Tommy and Chris, met in the final of the billiards championship of the P.O. Club recently, Tom winning by a narrow margin. The snooker tournament at this club is just under way.



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Kowloon C.C. Easily Beat Army In Whole-Day Match Webb And Tropp Bat Well For Losers

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Poor batting by the losers, fair bowling on the part of the Kowloon Cricket Club trundlers, and keen fielding, gave Kowloon Cricket Club an easy seven-wicket victory over Army in a friendly whole-day cricket match at Cox's Road yesterday.

Kowloon's bowling was steady enough, and the "dunce's" Cap was not produced once in the course of the game, but for the most part Army batsmen had only themselves to blame for their poor showing.

Logan flicked a fast long-hop from Francis Zimmermann straight into the safe hands of Teddy Fincher at third slip early on and Bateman, who was shaping promisingly, called for a foolish run and was run out to start a rot which a partnership between Webb and Tropp partially redeemed but nevertheless Army were all out just before lunch for 92.

Lloyd Bowls Well

Zimmermann met with scant success in his first spell, when he took one wicket at a cost of 21 runs, but he improved in his second spell to take 3 for 11 and finish with 4 for 32. Although only taking one wicket, Lloyd was the best bowler on the side, his fighting keeping the batsmen in difficulties.

Curtis took three wickets, including that of Major Grose, but his analysis of 3 for 21 was definitely flattering!

Tropp played a gallant innings for Army, never indulging in anything spectacular but revealing a solid defence when defensive play was necessary and ceasing effectively with the loose stuff when the occasion presented itself. Webb was aggressive and was always looking for the loose ball.

K.C.C. had scored 18 runs when Anderson, who was shaping confidently, was brilliantly taken in the slips by Logan, who shot out his left hand to hold a quick chance.

Winning Partnership

Ernie Fincher's was the next wicket to fall, French securing it via the l.b.w. route with 35 runs on the board. Hung, who had been batting solidly, was then joined by Mackay and when the former was caught by Tropp off Fargus, Kowloon's total was only five short of their opponents', and these runs were secured without further loss, the winning run coming as the result of a wide bowled by Fargus.

Hung had a five (four overthrows) and three boundaries in his 33, and Mackay hit six fours in his 29 not out.

Fargus bowled steadily for the Soldiers and was always difficult

to get away, while French, although only taking one wicket, proved to be a bowler of exceptional ability, his leg-spinners and clever fighting having the K.C.C. batsmen in trouble for most of the time.

The serious part of the match was finished by 3.30 and both sides then batted for an hour each. Army scoring 139 for 8 and K.C.C. 140 for 7. The cricket at this stage, however, was not very clever as one of the provisions was that no bowler, who had performed in the opening part of the match, was allowed to bowl again.

ARMY

L/Cpl. C. Logan, c E. C. Fincher, b Zimmermann 0
Capt. J. F. Lawrence, l.b.w., b Lloyd 2
Pte. Bateman, run out 24
Sgt. Webb, c Rapley, b Anderson 27
Spr. Tropp, not out 24
Major D. C. E. Grose, b Curtis 1
Capt. Fielden, b Curtis 0
Sgt. Denyer, b Zimmermann 18
Sgt. French, c Curtis, b Zimmermann 1

2/Lt. H. A. Fargus, b Zimmermann 15
Spr. Bailey, l.b.w., b Curtis 3
Extras (319) 15

Total 92

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
F. R. Zimmermann	8	1	32	4
Lloyd	0	1	21	1
Anderson	2	0	3	1
Curtis	4	0	21	3

KOWLOON C.C.

D. J. N. Anderson, c Logan, b Fargus 15
D. Hung, c Tropp, b Fargus 33
E. F. Fincher, l.b.w., b French 10
N. A. E. Mackay, not out 29
A. Zimmermann, not out 5
Extras (WBI) 1

Total (for 3 wickets) 93

F. R. Zimmermann, E. C. Fincher, W. L. Rapley, N. D. Lloyd, S. A. Gray and E. Curtis did not bat.

YESTERDAY'S SOFTBALL RESULTS

GIRLS

Wildcats 29, Chung Hwa 3.
Cardinals 42, Las Florinas 6.
Canuckettes 17, Panthers 3.

MEN

First Division:
St. Joseph's 5, Canucks 2.
H.K. Baseball Club 7, Ch. B.C. 8.
Second Division:
Royal Engineers 2, V.R.C. 18.
Central British 6, R.A. 7.

INTER-HONG

Lucas 8, Greensports 3.
Texaco 4, Shell 20.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Fargus	7.7	0	29	2
Tropp	1	0	6	0
French	6	2	14	1
Bateman	4	1	13	0
Denyer	2	0	30	0
Fielden	1	0	5	0

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FLY-HALF HOLD-UP IN BOTH TEAMS

By "SCRUM-HALF"

With Carter at fly-half Navy would probably have beaten the seriously weakened Club team in the Quadrangular Rugby Tournament on Saturday—it will be recalled that Navy were the only team to beat Club in the Triangular Tournament last season.

O'Riordan lacked the necessary initiative for a successful fly-half, and it was here that the Navy attack fell down, despite inspired support by the pack.

Morgan played extremely well at scrum-half, but Club missed Thomson's enterprise so badly that they were almost beaten before the game started. They had their opportunities, but Aitkenhead had an off day at fly-half, and their fast wingers were sadly neglected. Club forwards also struck a poor patch and were unconvincing.

Army made short work of Police, despite fielding a greatly depleted fifteen, and their chances of winning the Tournament are now very good.

ITALIAN SUPPLY SHIPS BOMBED OFF ALBANIAN COAST

MACAO FIXES RICE PRICES

Following the example set by the Hong Kong Government, the Macao authorities issued an order on Saturday stabilising the prices of different grades of rice.—Our Own Correspondent.

CARNARVON CASTLE IN URUGUAY

Ambulances sent to remove wounded from the armed merchant cruiser Carnarvon Castle when she arrived in Montevideo proved unnecessary as the injured, most of them only slightly hurt, are remaining on board.

Captain Hardy, commanding Carnarvon Castle, told Reuters the dead were buried at sea.

It is understood Captain Hardy has requested permission to remain 48 hours in Montevideo, in accordance with International Law, to carry out repairs.

The Uruguayan naval author-

DIRECT HIT ON STERN

A DIRECT HIT on the stern of one ship and many near misses were observed by the crews of R.A.F. bombers which are officially stated to have attacked Italian shipping off the Albanian coast on Saturday.

A raid was carried out on Valona in bad weather conditions and against heavy enemy fighter opposition.

All bombs fell in the target area but the results could not be observed.

New Italian air losses were recorded in an R.A.F. communiqué issued in Cairo yesterday.

One fighter among strong patrols trying to defend Valona in the R.A.F. raid was shot down.

It is now confirmed that of three Italian bombers which attempted to raid Bura, in Kenya, on November 22, only one es-

caped from British fighters. One bomber, it is now established, made a forced landing 60 miles from Bura.

Four of the crew were captured and the fifth was killed.

The second bomber was shot down in flames.

Various reconnaissance flights were carried out over enemy territory on all fronts, besides the raids on Saturday on shipping off the Albanian coast and on Valona.

— Reuters.

It is believed to have recommended permission for a stay of 72 hours.

Members of the crew of the Carnarvon Castle were wildly cheered as they went ashore.— Reuters.

BRITISH DEALINGS WITH SPAIN

Further British assistance to Spain was announced yesterday.

Following the signing of a financial agreement, Britain is granting facilities for the shipment of 6,000 tons of manganese ore to Spain, 3,000 tons of which, badly needed for Spain's steel industry, will be sent from India.

The same ship has been authorised to carry a large quantity of jute for Spain.

Britain has purchased Spain's entire crop of bitter oranges and negotiations are now proceeding for a large purchase of sweet oranges.

Britain is also studying the possibility of making a large quantity of wheat available to Spain and it is likely that difficulties which have arisen over the export of seed potatoes from England and Eire will be overcome.— Reuters.

NAZI PLUNDER IN FRANCE

GERMANY'S PLUNDERING OF FRANCE'S ROLLING STOCK HAS LED TO MOST OF THE TRANSPORT DIFFICULTIES VICHY IS ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT.

A Vichy broadcast yesterday urged industrialists not to delay in the handling of rolling stock. There is to be a premium for handling rolling stock on Sundays and holidays and also for slow handling.

The broadcast said that transport was the key to France's problem of food supplies and raw materials — but did not mention that Germany has seized over half of France's rolling stock.— Reuters.

ITALIAN POST BOMBARDED

British artillery in the Sudan hammered away at Italian positions on Saturday.

Loud explosions were heard following what is described in an official communiqué in Cairo as a "successful shoot" on enemy positions east of Metemma.

British guns were also active in the area north of Kassala.

On other fronts there is no change in the situation to report, the communiqué adds.— Reuters.

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ITALIANS ORGANISING
DEFENCE AT PALERMOITALY TO
SEEK
BATTLE?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Mussolini's military shake-up is interpreted in Rome as possibly foreshadowing a move to seek a decisive showdown with the British Navy.

Admiral Domenico Cavagnari, the replaced Chief of Naval Staff, was a conservative, while his successor, Admiral Arturo Riccardi, is a dynamic personality.

Admiral Riccardi is an advocate of bold co-ordinated action by warships and planes.—International News Service.

Greek Flanking
Movement Threatens
New Disaster

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE ITALIANS IN RETREAT IN ALBANIA ARE ATTEMPTING TO ORGANISE A REAR-GUARD STAND AT PALERMO, SIX MILES SOUTH OF KHMARA.

Other Greek columns, however, on the right wing, are pushing toward Tepelini and Premeti in a flanking manoeuvre which threatens to trap thousands of Italians who are making efforts to form the new defence line.

The official announcement in Athens that the Greeks have completed the occupation of Argyrokastron means that the Greek troops now dominate the whole lower tip of Albania.

On the north front Greek mountain warriors are reported to have pushed the vanguards of their double pronged offensive to within 18 miles of Elbasan, which is the gateway to Tirana.

Wild rejoicing took place in the streets of Athens yesterday, with crowds crying "On to Tirana and Rome."

Hundreds more Italian prisoners and many tons of supplies have been seized on the southern front.

Climax To First Stage

It is reported that most of Argyrokastron's 11,000 residents welcomed the Greeks with loud cheers.

Greek fire-fighters subdued the flames of blazes set by the retreating Italians.

The occupation comes as a climax to the first stage of the Greek counter-invasion.

Meanwhile it is reported that a column striking from Santi Quaranta is pressing hard on the heels of the Italians towards Khmara.—International News Service.

CANTON-HANKOW
RAILWAY BOMBED

A number of points on the Canton-Hankow Railway in Hunan, including Chuchow, Chaoling and Chuting, were bombed by Japanese planes yesterday morning. Most of the missiles landed in open fields causing little damage.—Central News.

the Far East Command. London observers point out, clearly indicate Anglo-American determination on joint defence against Japan's southward expansion.—Central News.

LONGEST
ALL-CLEAR
BROKEN

Hardly before dusk had clouded the outlines of London the alert last evening broke the longest all-clear spell—two whole days and one night—the citizens of the capital had experienced since the start of the German air blitz on August 7.

One enemy fighter-bomber was shot down into the Channel early yesterday afternoon.

This was announced in the briefest Air Ministry communiqué to date, which adds: "Otherwise there is nothing to report."

The skies over Britain have been permanently clear of enemy aircraft since Friday night's attack on Bristol—and the R.A.F.'s hammering the same night of Luftwaffe bases in occupied territory.—Reuter.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is moving north-eastward, pressure being highest over Manchuria.

The depression has moved to the north-east of Hokkaido and has increased considerably in intensity; a depression is indicated to the south of Guam.

Italian Generals
Killed In Air Crash

Two Italian generals were killed on Saturday when the military plane carrying members of the Italian armistice commission which had been negotiating with France, crashed at Bareacque, in the province of Piedmont, it was revealed in Rome yesterday.

They were General Pietro Pinno, General of the Air Force, and General Pellegini.

The plane was flying from Rome to Turin at the time of the crash, the cause of which has not yet been established.—Reuter.

ANTONESCU Timely
REVENGE Aid By
SPEECH Britain

General Antonescu, Rumanian Premier, addressing thousands of war veterans at a mass meeting in Bucharest yesterday, warned that "Rumania in future will answer any attack directed against her."

The audience greeted the statement with shouts of "For the restoration of northern Transylvania."

Another speaker, General Bagulescu, told the cheering veterans that the Rumanian army was now being tutored by German experts and awaits only General Antonescu's command to "march for the reconquest of our lost territories."—International News Service.

Britain's contribution towards China's war effort at this juncture is most timely and significant, declare observers in London.

It is imperative, they emphasise, that no opportunity be given to the tripartite Powers to retrieve their blunder.

China's final victory has never been doubted by the majority of the British people who are much encouraged by recent Chinese successes. However, some of them are still suspicious of the intention behind the Japanese withdrawal from large areas of Central and South China.

The vigilance maintained by the United States Navy in the Pacific and Britain's newly-appointed Commander-in-Chief of

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Mussolini's Re-Shuffle Of Highest Army And Navy Chiefs

Admiral Cavagnari The Scapegoat For Taranto

Admiral Cavagnari, Chief of the Italian Navy Staff, "resigned at his own request" on the same pattern as Marshal Badoglio, Chief of the General Staff of the Italian armed forces, and General Maria de Vecchi, Governor of the Dodecanese Islands.

FIFTH IN FOUR WEEKS

Admiral Cavagnari, who was relieved from his posts of Chief of Naval Staff and Under-Secretary of State for Navy at his own request, is the fifth important man Mussolini has lost in four weeks.

His resignation shows that dissatisfaction at Mussolini's conduct of the war is widespread in the Italian High Command, in the Navy as well as the Army.

The resignations which have followed on the heels of each other in the past three days have caused

This dramatic sequel to Italy's setbacks in the campaign against Greece was first reported from Berlin yesterday and was confirmed from Rome later in the day, a few hours before it was officially confirmed from Athens that Greek forces had occupied Argynrokastron, important base in south Albania, left-blazing by the retreating Italians.

By Royal Decree, Admiral Arturo Riccardi has been appointed Chief of the Naval Staff and Under-Secretary of State for the Navy, both of which posts Admiral Cavagnari held.

widespread comment in the Press of the world, were they are unanimously taken as a sign of serious discontent with the campaign.

It is considered obvious that their resignations are intended to show that they feel that Mussolini bears full responsibility.

There is widespread speculation as to who will be the next to go — Reuters.

Admiral Inigo Campioni, it was also announced, has become Vice-Chief of Naval Staff, and Admiral Angelo Jacino, Commander of the fleet at sea.

Admiral Campioni's predecessor is not named, but a few months ago this post was held by Admiral Somigli.

This reshuffle of naval appointments may, writes Reuters' diplomatic correspondent, greater activity on the part of the Italian fleet—or at least the promise of it by Mussolini to his ally, Hitler.

A Scapegoat

No doubt Admiral Cavagnari is being used as a scapegoat for the Taranto episode, as the others who resigned were used for the Italian failure in Greece.

Admiral Cavagnari is a good Fascist and a good administrator rather than a good sailor.

It is reported he thought almost as much of the education of his sailors in Fascist doctrine as of their education in seamanship. "To victory" was the keynote of the Order of the Day and a separate message to Mussolini of the new Chief of General Staff, General Cavallero, who assumed command yesterday.

The Gay Cavallero

General Cavallero promised that all efforts would be devoted to realisation of this supreme object.

If Duce himself has sent, it is announced from Rome, "a cordial signed letter" to Admiral Cavagnari, in which he expressed his appreciation of the Admiral's collaboration and his seven years' work for the development of Italian naval power.

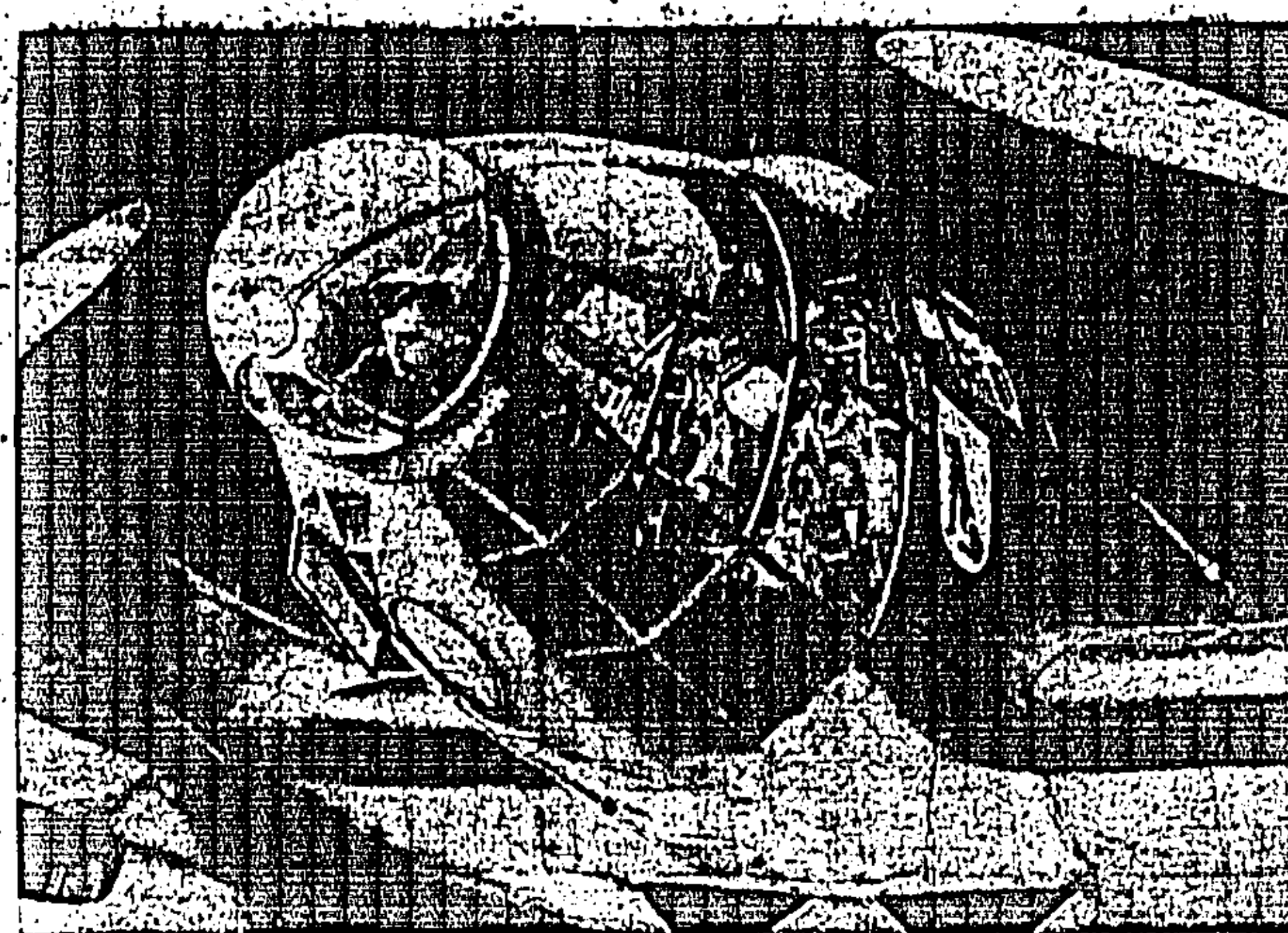
In the past few days, says Reuters' diplomatic correspondent, there has been a reshuffle in Italian Service chiefs which can only be taken in Italy as dissatisfaction as to the course of the war on the part of Mussolini.—Reuters.

General Cavallero's Order Of The Day

On taking over his post as Chief of General Staff of the Italian Army yesterday, General Cavallero issued an Order of the Day to the General Staffs of the Army, Navy, Air Force and militia.

In the Order he states: "We all wish to devote our efforts to attaining the highest goal victory."

General Cavallero sends his warmest regards to the General Staff of the Army.—Reuters.



R.A.F. Mechanics examining the pilot's control in the nose of a German raider—a Heinkel III brought down complete in England. (Copyright, Fox).

YOKOHAMA ALARM OVER TOKYO PORT PROJECT

FOLLOWING A CONFERENCE between officials of the Ministries of Finance, Home Affairs, Railways and Communications yesterday, the Japanese Government has tentatively decided to make Tokyo a trade port on the basis of the harbour improvement plan approved at the harbour engineers' meeting of the Home Affairs Ministry on November 18, it was disclosed in Tokyo this morning.

A formal decision on the plan, it is understood, will be made at a Cabinet meeting within this week if things go well.

In this connection it is stated the Government authorities will take the utmost care so as not to menace the prosperity of Yokohama, especially in view of fierce opposition on the part of the citizens of Yokohama.

FRENCH PHILOSOPHER WANTS NO FAVOUR

Henri Bergson, the famous French philosopher, has refused exemption from the provisions of the French Jewish Statute, to which he is entitled, on the grounds that he "rendered exceptional service in the literary sphere," according to a Vichy message to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency yesterday.

He will thus be obliged to resign his professorship at the Collège de France, which is the highest station in French university life.—Reuters.

NEW RAILWAY BEGINS SERVICE

Train services along the new 700-kilometre branch line of the Lanchow Railway, between Hsien-yang and Tuliucwan, commenced yesterday, according to the Chinese press in Shanghai. The line passes through an area rich in coal from which the railway will obtain its supply of fuel.—Reuters.

The considerate attitude of Government officials toward Yokohama is indicated by the following essential features of the project:—

First, Tokyo will not be made an independent port but the port of Yokohama will be extended.

Secondly, foreign ships will enter Yokohama.

Thirdly, Japanese ships will be allowed entry to both ports.

The port of Yokohama, it is further understood, will be used for foreign trade and Tokyo for trade with countries in the yen bloc.

Yokohama Protest

Meanwhile the session of the Yokohama City Assembly which on Saturday adopted an opposition resolution was followed yesterday by a mass meeting of Yokohama citizens with 2,000 attending representing all sections of the population.

The meeting adopted a resolution which denounces the Government plan, declaring it may drive a million Yokohama citizens to starvation.

It is recalled that the Tokyo trade port issue has been pending since 1932 owing to opposition on the part of Yokohama.—Reuters.

TWELVE STROKES FOR 16-YEAR-OLD

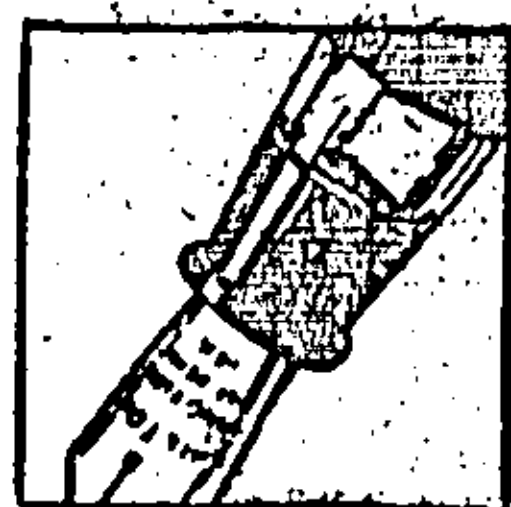
A 16-year-old boy was ordered 12 strokes of the cane by Mr. G. T. Lowry in the Juvenile Court this morning for stealing money, clothing and other articles, valued at \$115.00, from No. 88, Shaukiwan Road.

The lad was also bound over to be of good behaviour for six months.

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GREEKS CELEBRATE VICTORY

Streets Of Athens Beflagged, Marching Crowds Weight Of Attack Now Directed Against Elbasan

THE VICTORY OF Argyrokastron was celebrated with tremendous enthusiasm throughout Greece last night following confirmation of its occupation in a Greek communique earlier in the evening.

Flags were hung out in all Greek towns, and in the streets of Athens huge crowds cheered the King and General Metaxas and marched, singing the National Anthem, to General Headquarters.

In answer to the crowd's shouts the King appeared on the balcony, followed by General Metaxas.

The hooters of all ships in Athens harbour mingled with the ringing of church bells, and British soldiers marched through the streets arm in arm, to be greeted everywhere with enthusiastic cheers from the crowd. General Metaxas has sent a message of congratulation to the Greek High Command.

Elbasan Battle

While Athens was rejoicing over the "second Koritza" the Greek army at the front was keeping up pressure on all fronts. Reports from the Yugoslav frontier state that the battle for Elbasan was resumed early yesterday morning with undiminished violence.

A gale and snowstorm are sweeping the mountain ranges where fighting is taking place.

Greek forces advancing north of Podgradetz are beyond Udine and are progressing in the direction of a line on the shores of Lake Okhrida.

Their aim is to reach the road which passes through the Skumba Valley and leads to Elbasan.

Passes Deep In Snow

Great difficulty is being experienced in feeding guns on the mountain peaks as at many points the passes are deep in snow.

Italian deserters who crossed into Yugoslavia are said to speak of the drooping spirits of the Italian troops, in contrast to the buoyance of the Greeks.—Reuter.

B.W.O.F. DONATIONS

Following is the latest list of subscriptions received to date for credit of the British War Organisation Fund, Hong Kong Branch: Previous Acknowledged £100; \$609,639.80; J. P. Rush (November) \$10; Some members of the European Staff of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire (November) \$107; J. Finnie \$50; Anonymous \$20; W. J. Knight (Monthly) \$10; O. E. Bertin \$500; B. Herschend \$10; C. Austin \$10; W. Hewitt \$10; D. J. Valentine \$20; Miss G. Ezra \$15; A. C. Wilcox (November) \$25; Anonymous \$3; G. Lyon-Mackenzie (Monthly) \$100; Pay. Sub. Lt. W. R. L. Bowley (Monthly) \$2; G. H. Cauthery (Monthly) \$20; L. M. Wyllie (Monthly) \$26; M. F. L. Haymes (Monthly) \$10; G. C. Worrall (Monthly) \$80; A. McAlpine (Monthly) \$10; Miss K. McAnderson (Monthly) \$50; Miss J. W. Buckwell (Monthly) \$50; Miss B. M. Bichen (Monthly) \$10; Messrs. M. Boraha and Co. (Monthly) \$25; Hor. M. and Mrs. C. G. Alabaster (Monthly) \$50; Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Tavadia (Monthly) \$10; The Frison Staff (November) \$103.61; John Moodie (December) \$20; E. W. Pudney \$25; The Staff of Messrs. Union Insurance Society of Canton Ltd. (November) \$92.55; E. E. Edgar \$5; E. Joffe (Monthly) \$10; Anonymous \$25; Mrs. F. M. Deacon (Monthly) \$10; Francois D'Harcilliers (2nd) \$500; G. Frost \$10;

CAPTURE OF ARGYROKASTRON -- OFFICIAL

It was officially announced in Athens yesterday that the Greeks have occupied Argyrokastron, says a Reuter message received this morning.

CASTEL BENITO NAPPING

A heavy R.A.F. bombing attack on Castel Benito, a town in Tripoli, was described in a special R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo last night.

The communique states many bombs, including incendiaries, were dropped from low altitudes and hits are claimed on all five hangars of the aerodrome. Two hangars were set on fire and there were tremendous explosions.

Petrol and bomb dumps and administrative offices and quarters all received hits. Large fires were started among buildings north-west of the aerodrome.

A column of black smoke from the petrol dump fire rose 2,000 feet at least.

Heavy Damage

Eight aircraft dispersed in the aerodrome and near the hangars were destroyed and many more damaged by incendiaries.

Machine-gunning was carried out from as low as 250 feet.

The flames were visible from as far as 60 miles away. The attack appeared to be a complete surprise and all aircraft returned safely.—Reuter.

Some of the Chinese Staff of Messrs. Holt's Wharf (November) \$48.91; J. A. V. Hart Davis \$10; Fung Keong Rubber Co., Ltd. (Sept./Dec.) \$800; The Entertainment Committee proceeds of Band Concert given at the Peninsula Hotel on 1st December \$5,325; Some of the Chinese Staff of W. and G. (November) \$13.50; and J. S. Dunnett (Monthly) \$20; Total \$617,660.27.

VICHY'S LATEST DECREE

VICHY HAS ISSUED A NEW DECREE MAKING COMPULSORY THE DECLARATION OF CREDITS BLOCKED IN 12 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

The decree also applies to the French Colonies.—Reuter.

ITALY'S SETBACK SEEN AS DE GAULLE OPPORTUNITY

A CHANCE TO TURN the Italian reverses into a complete rout and win for France "victory in the Mediterranean" now presents itself to the French fleet and French armies in North Africa and Syria, said General de Gaulle, Leader of Free France, broadcasting a strong appeal from London last night to the French forces in Syria and North Africa "not to miss the opportunity."

General de Gaulle appealed to French generals, admirals, officers, soldiers, sailors and airmen throughout the French Empire to unite with Free Frenchmen and fight on with the Allies for the liberation of France.

"Events are giving a magnificent opportunity," General de Gaulle stated, "for the French army to re-enter the war, and take part in the final victory." France was once more uniting secretly against the enemy and had rejected cooperation with Germany, he concluded.—Reuter.

PETAIN CHECKS LAVAL

The Berlin announcement that M. Laval's visit to the German capital will not take place was not unexpected. Over a week ago it was reported that Marshal Petain had stopped the plans for the visit on the ground that Laval could only agree to concessions to which Petain and the rest of the Cabinet could not.

The London "Sunday Times" yesterday discussed the report that Hitler was toying with the idea of getting France's support in place of Italy's, and says that it is clear that in his negotiations with Laval Hitler toyed with the idea of getting France as a partner in Italy's place.

Up to a point Italy's failure is Laval's opportunity—but Laval's opportunity does not go beyond a certain point, because French faith in Britain is steadily recovering and neither France nor Italy are likely to be impressed at Hitler again employed in a game of double-crossing.—Reuter.



The daring exploits of the R.A.F. during this war will for ever be remembered. Not only has Britain herself watched with pride and confidence the increasing intensity of the attacks on Germany, but consistent bravery and efficiency have won them the admiration of lovers of freedom all over the world. This photo shows a warm seat. The crew of a bomber taking a few moments' rest on the tender of bombs which will shortly be loaded on their machines—to be dropped on some specified objective in Germany. (Copyright, Fox).

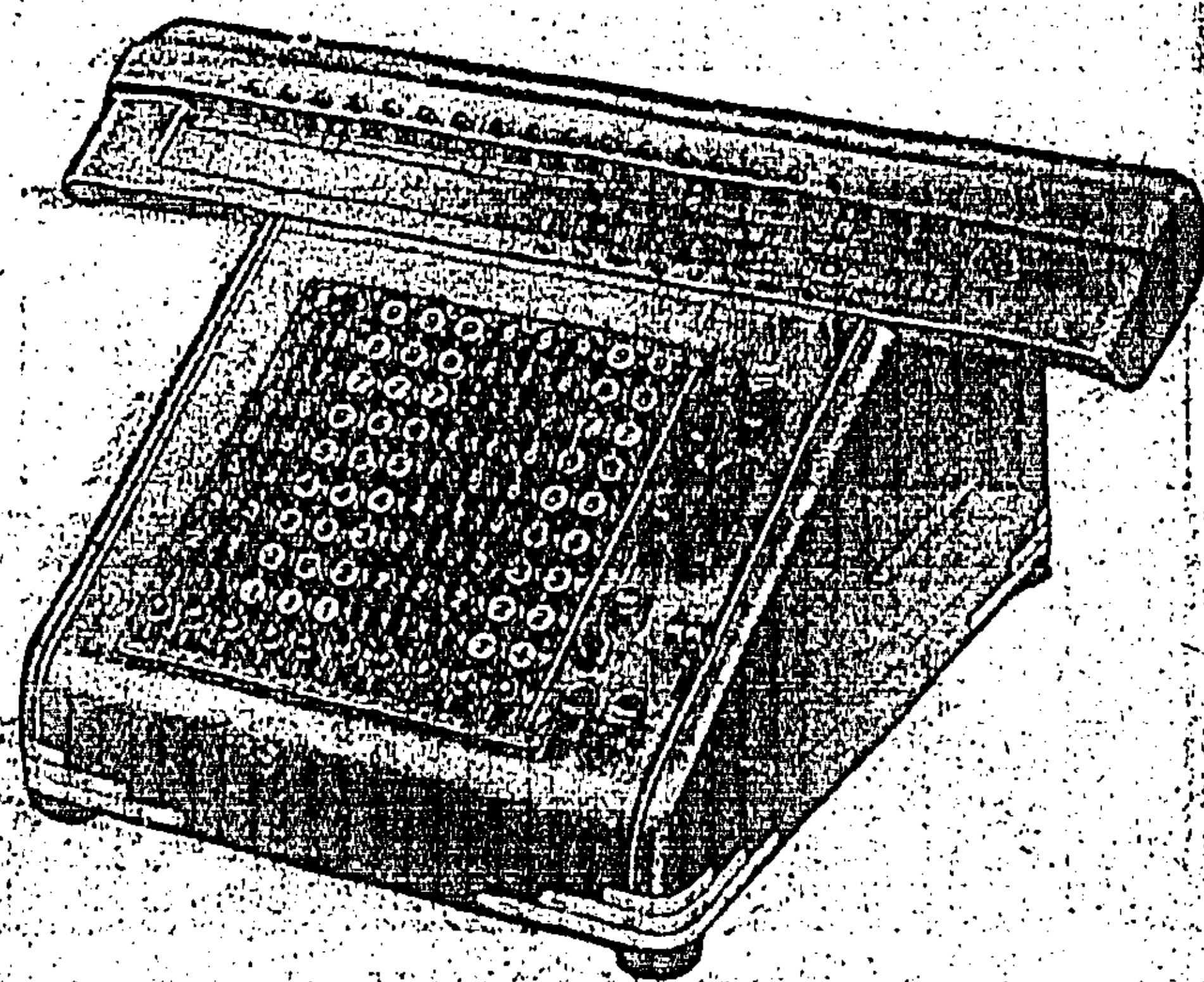
CHANNEL GUNS OPEN UP AGAIN

GERMAN LONG-RANGE GUNS, AFTER BEING SILENT FOR THREE DAYS, OPENED UP SHORTLY BEFORE NOON YESTERDAY.

The shelling is described as being "brief, but fairly intense." The sea was calm in the Straits of Dover yesterday, with the sun shining brightly from a cloudless sky. A cold north-westerly wind was blowing and only light mist hid the French coast.—Reuter.

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GERMANY RESIGNED TO A BLEAK WINTER

YESTERDAY IN Germany was "Sacrifice Sunday," when the German people were pressed to contribute to the Winter Help Fund, which has been a regular feature ever since the Nazi Party came into power.

Ostensibly, money collected on "Sacrifice Sunday" is intended for the poor and the destitute, but many Germans have remarked that no balance sheet is ever published and the public is not told what happens to the collections.

SAW A BOMB KILL SIX

By the flash of a bomb a man saw his three sons, married daughter, and two grandchildren killed in a raid.

He and his wife, who is still in hospital, are the only survivors of eleven people trapped in the cellar of a north-east England town house which was wrecked.

He is William Hadfield, aged 47, and his wife, Sarah, has now been told that her three sons, William, aged sixteen, Harry, aged twelve, and Andrew, aged ten, were killed, and also her married daughter, Elizabeth Tarrant, twenty-six, and Mrs. Tarrant's two children, William, aged eight months, and Margaret, aged two and a half years.

The other victims whose bodies were taken out after many hours heroic work by rescue squads were Miss Betty Scarborough, aged twenty, her sister Gladys, aged twelve, and Miss Nancy Tarrant, aged eighteen, sister-in-law to Mrs. Tarrant.

Mr. Hadfield told a reporter: "We got the children and the others into the coal cellar."

Lucky Escape

"Suddenly there was a terrible explosion. By the flash of the bomb I saw the walls of the cellar bulge and cave in, burying our children and the others. 'We two on the steps had amazing escapes. We were trapped and I could only move one hand. We could hear the rescuers and I kept on shouting.

"I managed to move a brick from my wife's head and tried to cheer her up, as she was beginning to lose hope.

"I said to her: 'Sarah, while there's life there's hope,' and she smiled back bravely at me. 'Several hours I could just see a pin-point of light as the rescuers worked feverishly to release us.'"

WOOLLEN STOCKINGS — PERHAPS

Girls not in uniform, who can still wear a pretty dress and show a pretty leg, threaten a stocking strike if fashion experts insist on coloured woollen stockings for next season.

The experts have decreed that the vogue for women's wartime winter-wear will be brightly-coloured woollen stockings to match costumes, hats and handbags, for the order of the season is to be practical, yet gay.

"I'd rather go stockingless and risk feeling cold," one girl said. "I think most girls would agree with me, too. Woollen stockings—and coloured ones at that! What a horror!"

A score or more young women said the same.

This is what one man had to say about the idea: "How awful. We need pretty legs and faces to cheer us these days."

Other fashions decreed for winter wear are mackintosh cape put-me-ups—pneumatic capes that can be blown up to a low and mattress for unexpected night-time sheltering from rains—and velvet coat collars to take the place of fur.

The fund is administered exclusively by the Nazis.

Germany's "diplomatic Winter Help Fund"—the first contribution to which was the Axis-Japan pact—seems to have come to a standstill.

Since the accession of Hungary and Rumania, all Germany's solicitations have failed to produce any more contributors.

The failure of the diplomatic offensive is clearly revealed in German propaganda.

During the past few days, German-controlled radio broadcasts have maintained a discreet silence about the "New Order," and have fallen back on claims that Britain is on the verge of collapse.

This complete change has aroused comment, and it is generally recognised that this "imminent collapse of Britain" propaganda is in the nature of a stop-gap to cover up the failure of Germany in Southern Europe and France and the humiliation of Italy in Greece and the Middle East.

Hitler's Aim

It is also taken as confirmation of the theory that Germany's recent attacks on British provincial towns and on shipping were intended to help Mussolini in his Greece campaign.

Italy's failure is as humiliating to Germany as it is to Italy herself, and it is considered highly probable that the absence of German help is a result of German inability rather than German unwillingness.

The British Press yesterday commented that the best help Hitler can give Mussolini is to renew the raids on Britain in the hope of reducing our air aid to Greece, and to intensify the attacks on shipping to keep as much of the British Fleet out of the Mediterranean as possible. — Reuter.

BARGAINING PRESSURE BY NAZIS ON JAPAN

It has been suggested in diplomatic circles in Peiping that the delay on the part of Germany in recognising the Wang Ching-wei Government is due to Germany's desire to use recognition as a bargaining counter to force Japan to take action against Britain in the Far East. — Reuter.

AMERICA'S VLADIVOSTOK CONSULATE

Chinese circles in Chungking attach much importance to the Soviet agreement to the establishment of a United States consulate at Vladivostok.

It is considered that the opening up of Vladivostok will make the port an important route of Soviet-American trade.

Informed circles also consider that the opening of this route will indirectly benefit Chinese transportation problems.

It is pointed out that Chinese goods shipped to Vladivostok via Hong Kong from January to August this year totalled nearly \$50,000,000, or nearly double the figures for last year.—Reuter.

JAPANESE TROOPS IN PLAGUE ZONE

The Japanese troops on the northern bank of the Chin River in northern Kiangsi are reported to be terror-stricken by epidemics which are prevalent in the area. Numerous Japanese soldiers are reported to have died of plague.—Central News.

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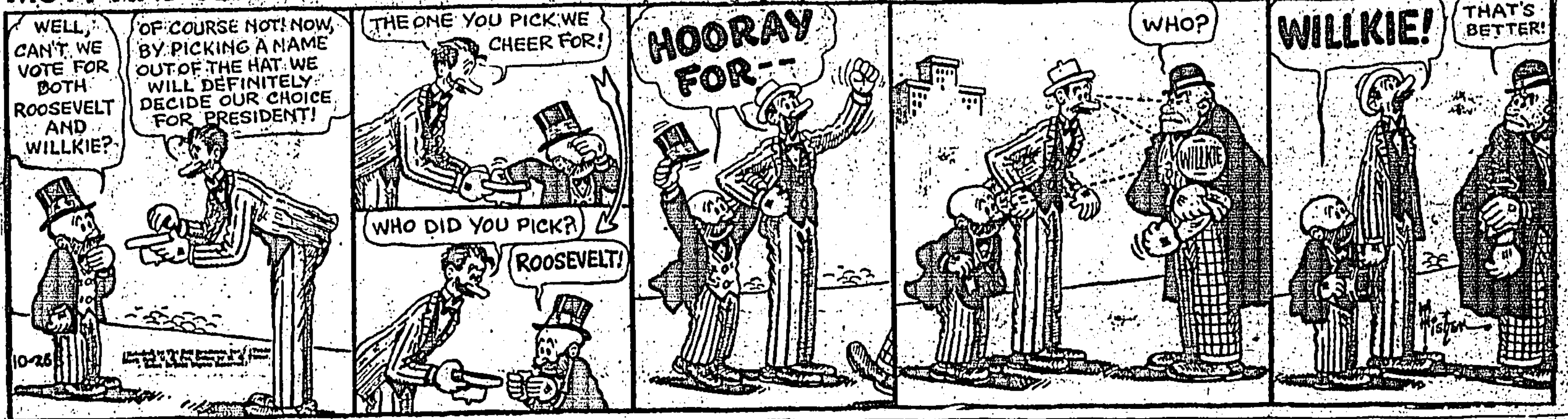
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P.I. HAVE 12 DIVISIONS READY

DISCUSSING AT LENGTH the preparedness of the Philippines to meet foreign aggression, Major Gen. Basilio J. Valdes, chief of staff of the Philippine Army, assured the student body of the University of the Philippines that the military authorities are cognizant of the seriousness of their responsibilities and that everything is being done to provide an adequate national defence within the limited finances of the government.

Answering criticisms which have been raised from time to time against the Philippine Army because the streets do not resound to the tramp of military feet, Major Gen. Valdes said:

"These critics forget that we have already trained the personnel of twelve divisions, that these men are available on a moment's notice, that mobilisation orders for their recall can be issued immediately, that the places of assembly are already indicated in our plans and that the uniforms and equipment are waiting in our mobilisation warehouses ready for instant distribution."

"Nothing is more indicative of the growing potentialities of the Philippine Army than the recent action of the United States government in planning to use this force as the basis for defending our shores. . . . The fact that these forces are being welcomed

and incorporated as additional units in their defence plans is sufficient evidence of their estimated fighting efficiency and usefulness."

Own Methods

The Philippine Army will develop a form and type of tactical procedure all its own, he declared. The regular army is building technical services and divisions which, with its general staff sections, continuously study and determine the proper types and methods best adapted to local geographical and psychological characteristics.

"If we want our country to grow in strength, intelligence,

RELEASED FROM THE ARMY

In order to render houses hit by bombs to be made habitable more quickly, the War Office yesterday announced it had been decided to release from the Army 3,000 men as the first contingent of men from the building trade.—Reuter.

wealth, usefulness and honour, every Filipino worthy of the name should strive to do his part in the attainment of this development," he emphasised. "This is what is known as national discipline, an attribute without which a nation is doomed to perish. The civilisation, strength and stability of a people can be measured by the degree of national discipline they have attained. . . . Without discipline, there will be confusion and, where confusion exists dissension and weakness naturally follow."

Major Gen. Valdes made an appraisal of the progress of the Philippine Army, declaring that the basis of the Philippine national defence is a nonprofessional, citizen army. He pointed out that this is the best type suited here under the financial limitations imposed.

"The Philippine Army includes all the normal branches of similar field forces of other nations including the air force. A naval contingent of the army, termed the Off-Shore Patrol, is well organised and, is provided with speedy torpedo boats as its basic material. The performance of the Philippine Army air corps has been the source of much favourable comment from qualified officers of the United States Army and other armies."

U.S. Model

A regular army force of professionals is authorised, he continued, in the basic law for the purposes of providing a laboratory in which to experiment with the latest military developments. While the military force is patterned after the United States Army system in general, there is no hesitancy about revising or modifying either equipment or procedure to fit local conditions obtaining in the Philippines, he declared.

The PA chief of staff further said that the regular army increment will be finally established at its authorised strength by the graduations from the Philippine Military Academy and other commissioned appointments. With this plan, the number of reserve officers on active duty service will be gradually reduced.

In view of the great financial difficulties encountered in maintaining the Philippine Military Academy and other military training schools for officers, the Philippine Army can never turn out every year an adequate number of officers to command the citizen army in case of general mobilisation. "This is the reason the ROTC (Reserve Officers Training Corps) becomes a vital element in our national defence programme because it is the one sure source that could furnish the bulk of officers required to lead our reserve units," he declared.

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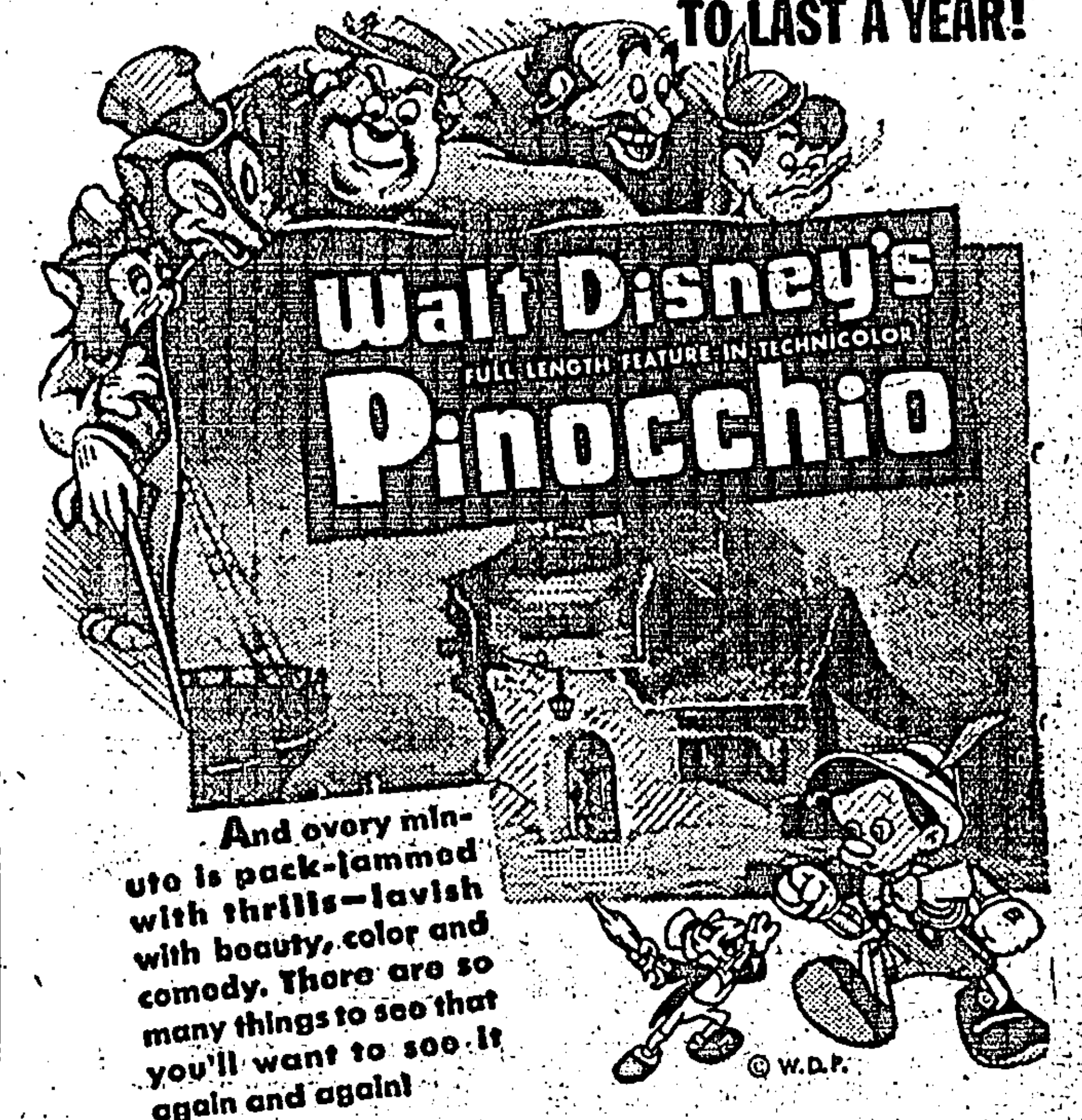
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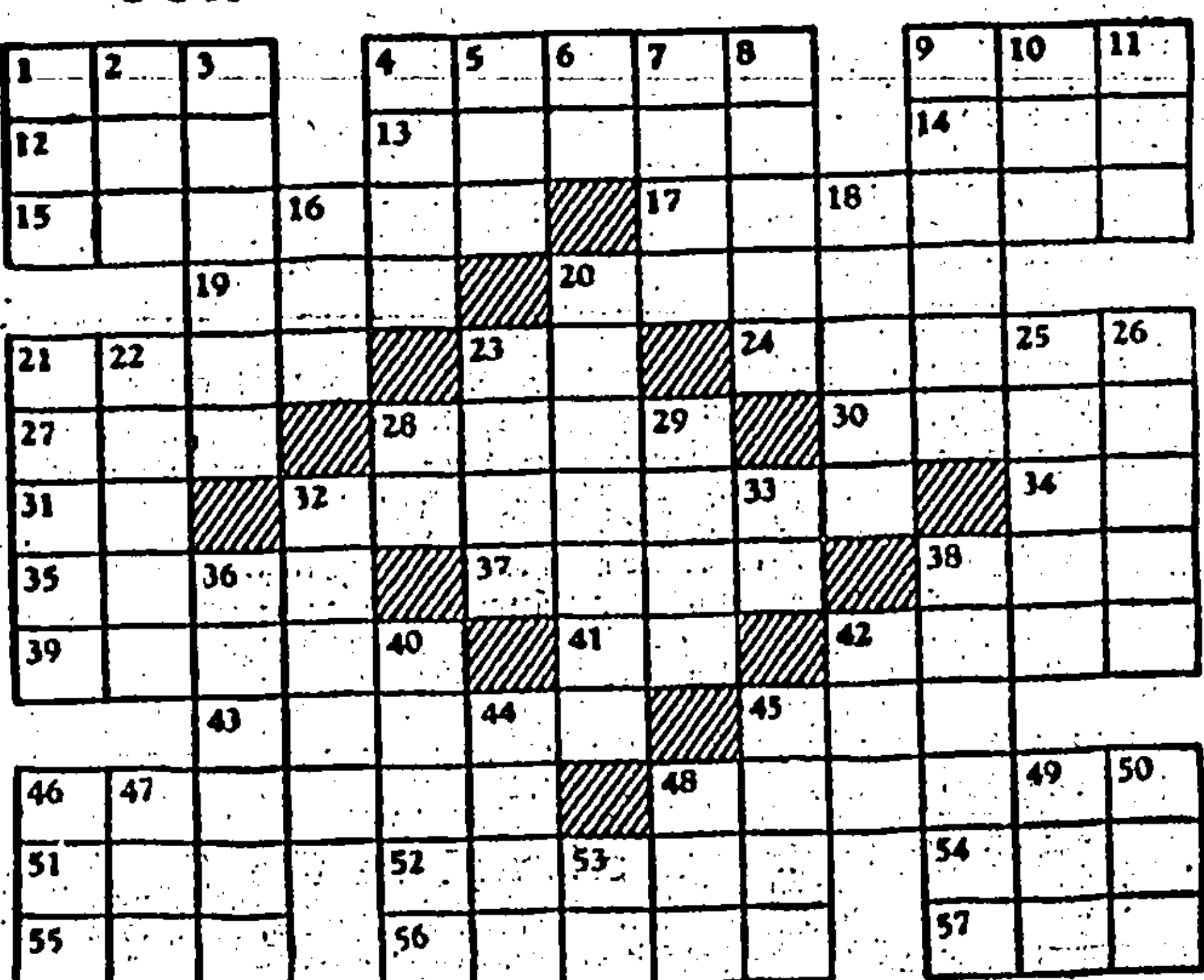
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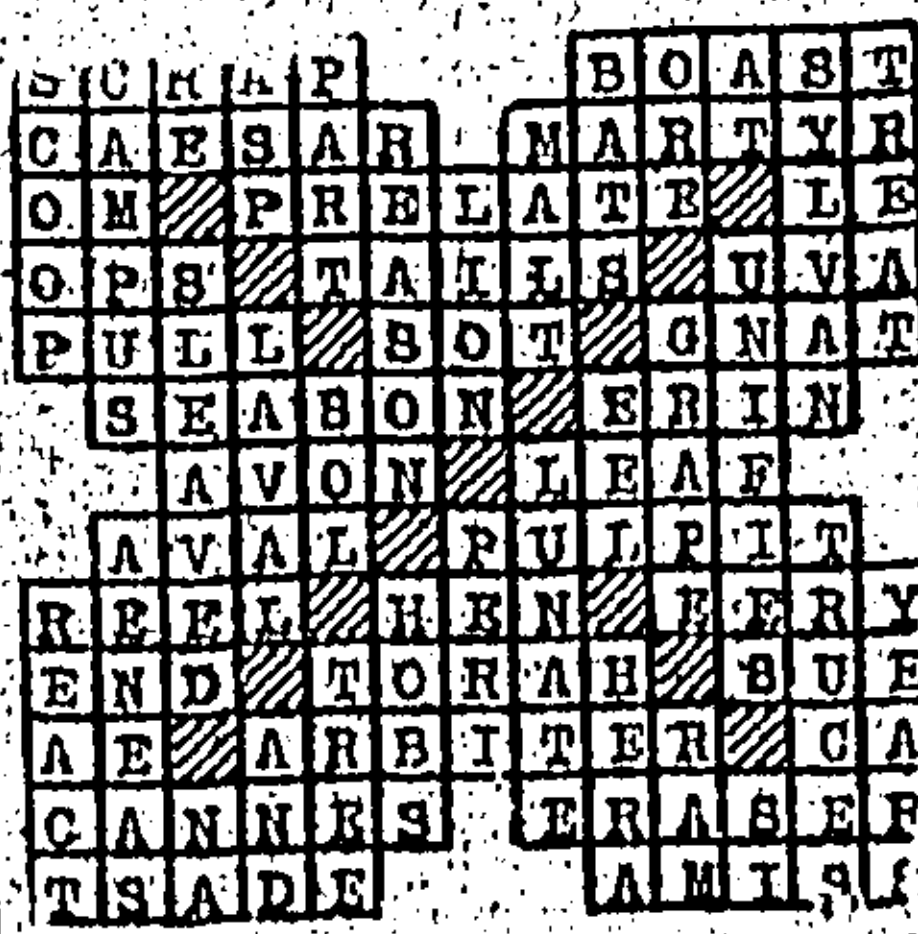
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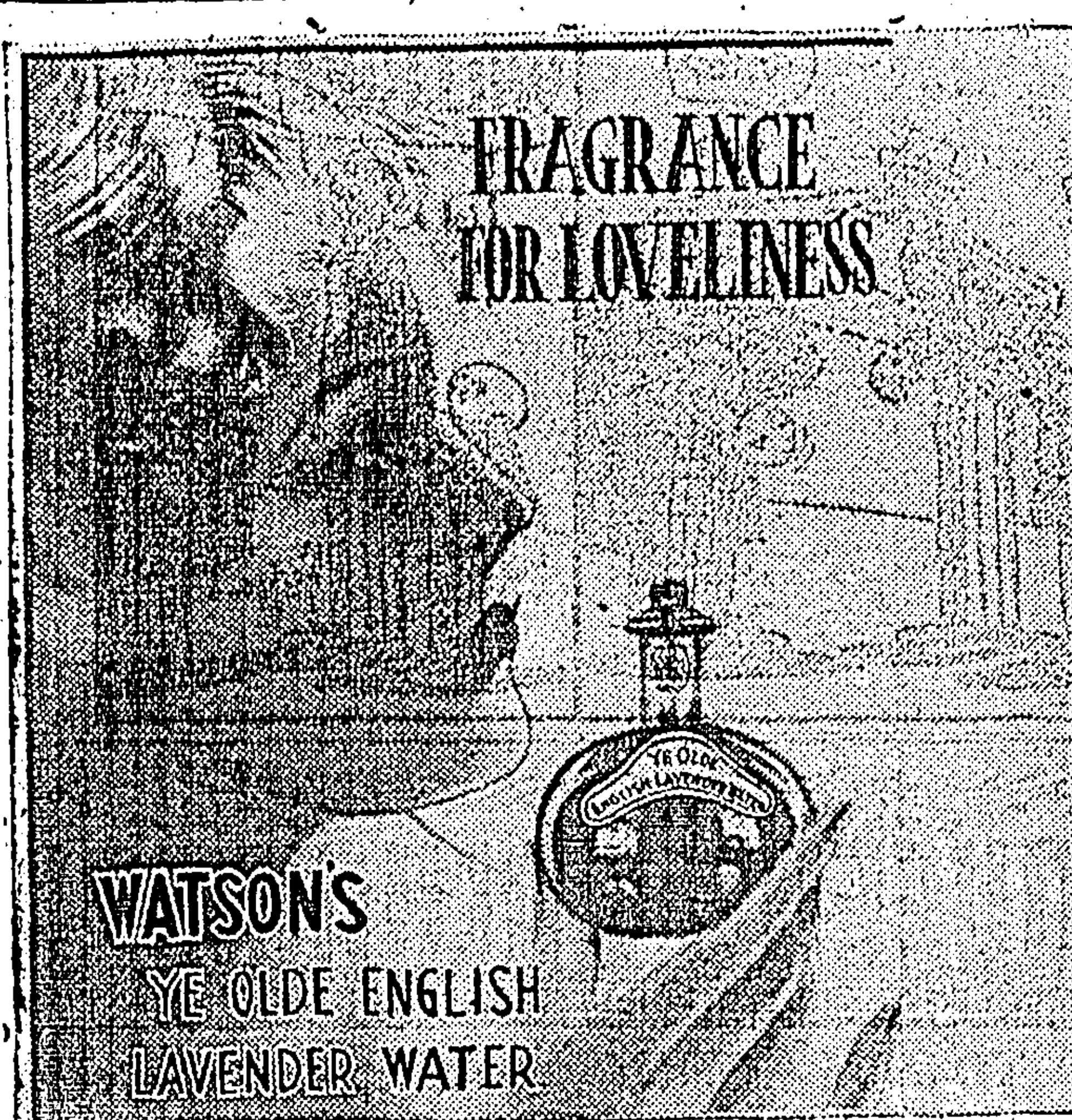


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30 Narrative
31 Parent
32 Part of Asia
34 Six
35 Heraldic device
37 Ardour
38 Stroke lightly
39 Cooking apparatus
41 Bone
42 Small
43 Bounded
45 To disfigure

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1 Mountain peak
2 Distant
3 Barterer
4 To follow orders
5 Gaelic sea god
6 Pronoun
7 Girl's name
8 To excite
9 Seaport in the Ukraine
10 Swordsman's dummy stake
11 Being
16 Long-haired ruminant
18 Goddess of the hearth
20 Seat of King Arthur's court
21 Blinds
22 Laughing
23 French soldier-poetess
25 Granite porphyry
26 Divinity
28 Note of scale
29 Epochs
32 To cut
33 Proposition
36 Dogs trained to decoy ducks
37 Corsair
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"Indeed, what I desire to see is the setting up of a body that will do for Empire travel what the motorbus has done for rural communities, what the big caterer has done for the cake trade, what cheap excursion could do in peacetime for railway travel, and under the plan I visualise a steady ebb and flow of holiday makers between the Dominions and the mother country with a constant strengthening of the bonds of Empire."

Mr. Gibson explained he would like to see an Imperial travel trust which would build or have converted a few liners specially planned for the purpose of conveying passengers between the mother country and the Dominions at a low rate.

Regarding the length of time required for such holidays Mr. Gibson said: "Government has already encouraged grants of annual holidays with pay and Government ought to make possible for people to forfeit their annual holidays for one or two years to accumulate sufficient time to permit them to travel within the empire."

If that were done, hundreds of thousands of our people could by slight self denial for one or two years accumulate both time and money sufficient to enable them to accomplish the dream of their lives—seeing their relatives in the Dominions in the flesh."

Industrial Scholarship

Mr. Gibson added: "I would like further, and in conjunction with the scheme, to initiate a system of industrial scholarships which would enable British and Dominion workers to exchange places for a period of say six or twelve months on lines similar to that which has been so successful in the interchange of teachers and the welcome would operate whether the Bursar was a bus driver, engineer or textile operative."

Most important of all, I would like to see an inter-Empire children's scholarship scheme established, that boys and girls between the ages of 14 and 16 could be exchanged with their counterparts in South Africa, Canada or the other Dominions for periods of six or twelve months, and finally I want to see members of the great Empire family drawn closer and closer together, each equally sharing the benefits and privileges of peace as they share the trials and tribulations of war."

Is there any reason why we should continue to tolerate artificial barriers to Empire travel and Empire settlement? — British Wireless.

RICE CARGO FINE

THE FIRST CASE, FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED ON THE MOVEMENT OF RICE FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER IN THE COLONY, CAME BEFORE MR. E. HIMSWORTH AT KOWLOON MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING, WHEN A JUNK MASTER WAS FINED \$50 FOR MOVING 120 BAGS OF RICE IN RAMBLER'S CHANNEL ON SATURDAY.

Sergeant May, of Water Police, who prosecuted, said that on Saturday afternoon junk No. T1002H was stopped and on board were found 120 bags of rice (each containing 180 catties). Accused had had no permit from the Controller of Trade.

Accused said that he was shipping the rice from Hong Kong to Tuen Wan.

SIR JOHN LATHAM SAILS

Sir John Latham, Australia's first Minister to Japan, sailed from Hong Kong for Japan this morning.

In a broadcast last night, he referred to the evacuation of Hong Kong women and children to Australia, declaring that Australia understood the disturbance and distress involved in the sudden separation of the members of families and was doing its best to make the evacuees comfortable and happy.

Sir John also disclosed that Australia is meeting much of Hong Kong's iron and steel requirements and that further supplies will soon be available for new shipbuilding.

In an outline of Australia's war effort, he revealed that war expenditure to the end of the 1941-42 financial year was already estimated at £453,750,000 and that this sum would be increased if necessary.

WATER IN STORAGE REDUCED

Although this has been the Colony's second wettest year on record, storage in the reservoirs is well below the total at this time last year, official figures reveal, explaining the decision to cut off supply between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.

At December 1, the island reservoirs carried 1,779 million gallons and the mainland reservoirs 2,429 millions, a total of roughly 4,200 millions, with monthly consumption recently in excess of 850 millions.

Tytam Tuk is 16 feet below overflow, five feet greater than at December 1, 1939, and Jubilee is 26 feet below, against 12 feet at December 1, 1939.

The Water Department's latest estimates of population give a total of 1,600,000. Last year's estimate was 1,850,000.

ANOTHER 'ISLAND' CASUALTY

Driving in Nathan Road last night, Mr. I. E. Heath, of No. 140, Boundary Street, collided with a traffic "island" near the Alhambra Theatre. The car was damaged, but Mr. Heath was uninjured.

K.C.R. ROBBERY

Some 500 pounds of brass were stolen from one of the machine rooms of the Kowloon Railway between 5 a.m. on Saturday and 7 a.m. yesterday.

NEW TERRITORIES' FAMILY LITIGATION

AN APPEAL AGAINST the decision of Mr. J. Barrow, District Officer, North, regarding property in the New Territories was heard in the Supreme Court this morning by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl Macgregor, and dismissed with costs.

The parties were Wu Tat-shau, plaintiff-appellant, represented by Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. B. C. Hobbs, and Wu For-wan and Wu Shiu-jo, defendant-respondents, represented by Mr. H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. E. S. C. Brooks.

The appeal was against a decision of Mr. J. Barrow, delivered on July 10, that there were three existing branches of the Wu Nam Tong Tso, of which the respondents were representatives of the first and fourth branches, and plaintiff-appellant was the representative of the third branch, and that all three should be registered as managers of the landed property of Wu Nam Tong Tso at Muk Kui-tau village. Mr. Chen sought that it be tested and set aside on the ground that the Land Officer was wrong in not taking full cognizance of the Chuk Po of the appellant showing the family tree through 13 generations.

A second ground was that the landed properties mentioned had been under the control and administration of the father and grandfather of the appellant, prior to June 19, 1898, the date of the

lease of the New Territories, as direct descendants of the Wu Nam Tong Tso through 14 generations. Mr. Chen said the appeal was under the New Territories Regulations of 1910 and had been brought by the farmers of the village. The land was worth \$2,500.

Objection Upheld

Mr. Macnamara formally objected, and said that it was agreed by both parties in the lower court that the family tree was not to come into the picture. It was difficult to see why Mr. Chen brought the appeal on those grounds.

Mr. Chen said the Land Officer was wrong in asking appellant to agree to the arrangement.

The Chief Justice said that the records bore an agreement by all parties that such evidence was not to be used and he could not go beyond that. He asked Mr. Chen for an authority to allow him to do so.

In his opinion, said the Chief Justice, it was perfectly clear that there was a voluntary undertaking by both parties not to rely on the family tree evidence.



AN AGRARIAN ROLE

While German propaganda has been insistently lauding the scheme for a "new order in Europe," as laid down by German financiers and economists, little attention has hitherto been paid to the Colonies. Hitler at one time even went so far as to announce that the requisition of territory in Africa or elsewhere was not of vital importance. This silence has now been broken by the official organ of Hitler's S.S. which recently outlined Germany's colonial aims. When speaking of the "new order" in Europe phrases are usually designed to cloak the subject with glamorous but vague outlines, but in so far as German colonial policy is planned, no vagueness is considered necessary or worthwhile. The writer of the article in question states very clearly that "we need colonies to assure a living for the millions of German workers . . . the work done in the Colonies must aim at attaining the greatest advantage for the Fatherland with the least possible expenditure of manpower . . . German administrators will act as organisers of agriculture, industry and commerce, serving as the Fatherland's delegates and symbolising the Reich sovereignty. It must be emphasised," added the writer, "that the purpose of the colonies will be to supply the Reich with cheap raw materials."

We have quoted enough to show Germany's purpose in the Colonies she eventually hopes to possess. The same system would apply to Europe under the "new order." In fact, the more outspoken German and Italian writers, especially the latter, who usually fail to smother their real purpose in words, betray the fact that European countries are to be reduced to the status of German colonies. Colonies conveniently close at hand to supply Germany with the raw materials she needs "without interference from third powers."

German economists have frequently stressed the need for an assured and unlimited flow of agricultural products into Germany and those countries now under the domination of Hitler have been clearly told that industrial competition could not be tolerated. "Naturally Germany will not allow her fibre industries to dwindle after the war," stated one writer on South East European economies, "so she will maintain arrangements with the countries in South Eastern Europe for at least a part of their surplus agrarian products to be taken up by the Reich as this traffic cannot be upset by other Powers." This is, as a matter of fact, what is already being carried out in Rumania to whom Germany has agreed to give building materials and farming implements in return for agricultural produce.

Germany has declared that she has no intention of laying down the law in individual countries, but this kindly assurance is not borne out when we are told that these same countries must return to their "traditional agricultural role" and not attempt to compete in markets where German goods are to be found. France has also been informed of this, hence the Vichy dictum that agriculture will loom largely in the new economic life of the people.

The stress laid on the importance of agriculture in the new order in Europe serves a two-fold purpose. It relieves the Reich once and for all from the pressing fear of lack. It also ensures a better prospect for continued domination. Agriculturists are for the most part isolated from active participation in the political field, while the distances at which they live precludes any effective organisation against German suzerainty, at the same time reducing the country to the humble state of a dependency.

During three years and two months of continuous residence in Japan, the writer of this somewhat confused and not altogether objective chronicle was privileged to witness the completion and most of the spadework of a relatively bloodless but nonetheless terroristic revolution, from nominal Democracy to absolute totalitarianism.

The military uprising of 1936, referred to but rarely in Tokyo and then only as the "February 26 Incident," marked the inception of this revolution. It scarcely could be recognised as such, however, even by the time I had disembarked from a freighter in Yokohama and deposited myself on the hospitable shores of Dai Nippon as an uninvited guest—at precisely the same time other uninvited guests were making a shambles of Chapel. The culmination of this great domestic upheaval came with the re-emergence of Prince Fumimaro Konoye, the dedication of his "New Structure" (for historical and idiotic parallel refer to Tower of Babel construction project) and his faltering signature of the tripartite military alliance with Germany and Italy. This instrument, incidentally, was obstructed by a heartsick Emperor for 48 hours after its announcement was scheduled, and the grim signing ceremony nearly left Prince Konoye with nervous prostration. Of greatest significance was the fact that the three-way pact converted Japan, the pioneer puppet-maker, into a pathetic Charley McCarthy operated by remote control from Berlin.

February 26, 1936, and October 27, 1940, are likely to be set down in the records as the outstanding dates in the retrogressive process which inevitably must lead to the collapse of the 2,600-year-old Empire.

The most dispassionate observer could not without wincing have witnessed the relentless course of events between these two dates—the ruin of a proudly progressive nation and the progressive degeneration of perhaps 59,500,000 fundamentally honest and peace-loving people.

March of Events

Review briefly from that evil day early in July, 1937, when Lieutenant-General Hajime Sugiyama, then War Minister, responding to prods in the rear from superiors, told Japan's plastic iron man that if he (Konoye) would not order seven divisions of the Imperial Army to North China to transform the existing squabble into a full-dress war, then by all that was holy he (Sugiyama) would preempt the authority and issue the order, we see:

1. A rusty, gear-stripped military machine with wheels out of alignment and a nearly empty gas-tank backing out of China's mire on three cylinders, that it may line up at the starting post in the southern circuit in a desperate attempt to "place" in the next race, but facing probable disqualification because of inadequate repairs, a weary driver and dubious backers.

2. Grim prospects of national self-destruction by the following means of sudden or slow death: (A) the battering of an added pate to a bloody pulp against the Singapore fortress. (B) slow starvation, economically and physically, if the world's oldest war keeps to its pattern. (C) suffocation from sheer apathy. (D) strangulation by bureaucratic red tape.

3. The virtual disappearance of such modified civil liberties as ever existed, thanks to an inefficient but serviceable Gestapo, manufactured according to Berlin specifications and aided and abetted by a gigantic Nazi Fifth Column. This bungling force has succeeded in stamping out the last vestige of liberalism in politics, economics and education. The Imperial Diet, which once rang with the righteous convictions of free speaking men, causing cabinets to tremble and tumble, is to-day a splendid but hollow shell, not unlike the Kroll Opera House.

With all liberal professors weeded out of the great universities or broken (not a few ex-

periencing the horrors of the gendarmic inquisition chambers on suspicion of harbouring "dangerous thought") Japan's much-maligned and greatly disillusioned students found themselves in the gentle hands of Colonel Kingoro Hashimoto (retired?) and his ultra-nationalistic Japan Young Men's Party. The bat-eared bomber of the Panay rescued them from the tender mercies of the walrus-mustached General Sadao Araki, also retired and actually shelved for the nonce because of his embarrassing hatred of the Soviets.

Christianity 'Reformed'

In line with Japan's nationalistic revolution, as rounded out by the New Structure Tower of Babel (thus designated because no two of its many architects can explain it with even incoherent similarity) Christianity has given up its insecure foothold and performed a strategic withdrawal. Despite the tight-lipped silence of those who

By A Reformed Tokyoite

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have survived "investigations," the methods employed by the gendarmes can be imagined in terrifying detail when the case of the Rev. Toyohiko Kagawa, Japan's No. 1 living martyr, is called to mind. Mr. Kagawa, who forsook riches for Christianity and lived among filthy and diseased derelicts in the rudest hovel in Kobe's most squalid slum—his faith never faltering—emerged from the grim grey building in Marunouchi after a few weeks of the works and promptly became a convert. Seeing the light in a sudden flash of enlightenment, he gained his release and took himself off to Kyushu to preach the New Structure gospel.

Similarly, thousands of Japanese cursed with the ability to think for themselves, who a few months back voiced their Democratic views rather frankly and were easily accessible to foreigners, have now drawn within themselves and are prudently silent. Their convictions have been sharpened, if anything, by what is going on about them. But they have seen their ranks depleted, due to scraps of non-conformist conversation overheard in public places or to being seen too frequently in the company of foreigners of the wrong nationality. This irregularity often as not has been pointed out to the authorities by foreigners of the right nationality.

To explain the phenomena of anti-foreignism and manufactured spy scares, both part and parcel of official policy, it is necessary to go back somewhere near the beginning.

When I arrived in Japan, and I must confess I landed with a closed mind cluttered up with a lot of preconceived erroneous ideas about the Orient in general and Japan in particular, I was immediately impressed not by the sinister qualities of the people but rather by the respect and admiration they displayed towards all foreigners, particularly Americans, and Anglo-Saxon culture. Once assured of my non-Communist leanings, determined by none too subtle probing, I was accepted, cherished and revered along with baseball, permanent waves, President Roosevelt (in excellent standing at the time) Ford V-8's, Wrigley's chewing gum (both could be bought), Deanna Durbin, Clark Gable, Gary Cooper and Oliver Hardy.

Unharmful, Untouched

Had I been a visiting dignitary, a person with a definite mission to perform or anyone but a newspaperman on sabbatical leave who arrived on a freighter and rode in on a sampan under the cover of a trial black-out, I should have been inclined to view the courtesies and considerations which were heaped upon me with a slightly jaundiced eye. But since I was

just another American, only a few dollars removed from the beach, I must acknowledge the genuine character of their sincerity.

What I did not realise for the latter part of a year was the cold fact that the war was intensely unpopular with the great mass of the people, who did not ask for it and certainly did not want it: who wanted nothing more, in fact, than their daily rice.

The war was not sold to the people: they merely took it on approval. The fast talking army boys, after requiring a slight deposit, promised rich dividends within a few months and the people fancied they would be picking up gold in the streets with the next frost.

Since it was rather difficult for the Japanese to gnash their teeth and work themselves into a frenzy of wrath over the Chinese, who were in danger of succumbing to the treacherous wiles of Moscow and really needed nothing but enlightenment and guidance toward prosperity, it behooved the army to dig up a whipping boy, so as to instil a bit of needed war spirit. Because Hitler was glowering at him and conditions in his own balliwick seemed somewhat chaotic, Josef Stalin appeared to be the likeliest candidate, and his bottom was bared to the lash.

When Stalin's refusal to fill the bill was confirmed by the Kwangtung Army in the disturbance that occurred up Nomonham way, before the climax was capped in Moscow, public opinion builders started casting about for a bigger and better scapegoat. They found John Bull, the all but forgotten despoiler of East Asia, behaving himself "most abominably" in Tientsin and sufficiently preoccupied in Europe to suit the Japanese purpose. So the hounds were off Russia and set yapping after Britain.

'Spontaneous' Displays

Acrimonious editorials, almost identical in phraseology, were vomited out by Tokyo's well-trained press and bushels of posters made their appearance overnight on telephone poles and railway abutments, bidding Britain remove itself from "our new East Asia." Purely "spontaneous" demonstrations occurred outside the gates of the British Embassy, with demonstrators arriving in municipal trucks and battalions of aproned and trousered members of women's associations on hand, by spontaneous impulse of course, to dispense ice-water to the listless flagwavers who were shouting meekly for British blood.

America had remained a true friend of Japan all the while, though somewhat standoffish, even after the renunciation of the Japanese-American treaty of commerce and navigation. It had been frequently deplored that American public opinion was so ill-informed as not to be able to grasp and appreciate the real meaning of the "Sacred Campaign" in China and cooperate with it wholeheartedly, but the official and press criticism always was kept on a constructive plane. British stock even rose a notch or so after the Berlin-Moscow deal, and the dogs were called off until Tokyo could resurvey the lay of the land.

Britain's rascality was noted again in consequence of the Asama Maru affair, but America did not become an accomplice and a full-fledged arch-enemy of all East Asia until after France had fallen and Britain appeared to be in the Nazi bag as well.

With this turn of events, the prime idea was to poison the people so thoroughly against the two remaining powerful Democracies as to win their acquiescence in an Axis partnership, since lush plums suddenly had appeared in the south.

Shiratori-Tatakawa-Suetsugu-Hashimoto and Company, Gorotsukis Ltd., had crawled from under their flat rock, drafted Prince Konoye as their front man (implying strongly that a second term as Premier would be in the best interests of his health) and started undermining the Yonai Cabinet which they thoughtfully had allowed to remain in office until the Diet unpleasantness was disposed of.

The German Fifth Column, which had been filling across Siberia all winter like an army of ants (I have counted as many as 250 trunks at one time on the platform of Yokohama Station, all bearing Berlin and Hamburg tags) and went into high gear simultaneously.

Certain army elements again found it necessary to prod a War Minister, and General Shunroku Hata, stalked out of Cabinet, which collapsed in his wake.

Then came the Teutonic-inspired "spy scare," featuring the arrest of a number of prominent Britons, and a general reign of terror designed to squelch the last dying opposition to the new crew and its programme. With the New Structure smoke-screen making things murky in Japan and the isolationist clamour and political preoccupation sweeping America, the irresponsible leaders in Tokyo developed the twin delusion that the United States could be bluffed into keeping to its own side of the Pacific and that the home folks were hankering for international adventure. Thus the time was thought ripe for springing the three-way alliance.

Disillusionment Arrives

Any illusions about American timidity were swept away by the evacuation of American citizens from Japan and China and the re-election of President Roosevelt, both of which events were witnessed with long faces.

As to the reaction of the Japanese people to the latest and greatest of Tokyo's diplomatic blunders, it can be said that the Axis extension ranks next in unpopularity only to the Sino-Japanese war. One ordinarily is not impressed by negative emotional exhibitions, but the wave of chilling silence which greeted the joint announcement carried the impact of a slap in the face. The "Hochi Shimbun," which was one of the first Nazi prizes in Japan, felt constrained to rebuke the people for their failure to whoop it up over the new pact, remarking that Herr Hitler could not but feel hurt at their lack of appreciation of Germany's unbounded benevolence.

Although the Germans are officially glorified, the Japanese realise they have maneuvered their Government into a precarious position, and they hate them intensely for it.

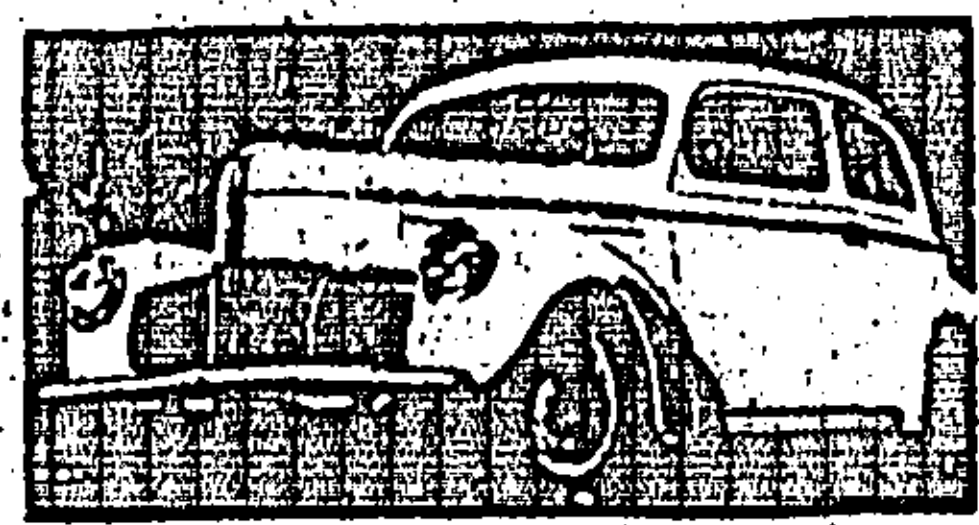
The situation in Japan has changed completely from 1937, when foreigners were trusted and respected, and now suspicion and open hostility are displayed against all Westerners, Germans included.

With a serious coal and power shortage admitted, and a poorly stocked larder all too evident, Japan faces a cruel winter. The supply of charcoal, the universal fuel for cooking and heating is being rationed drastically. Gas and electricity cannot be used for auxiliary warmth.

Although all commodities are available in Japan's "conquered" territories, the "conquerors" are obliged to get along on 10 small boxes of matches and a half-pound of sugar a month per household, to eat an unpalatable mixture of unpolished Formosan and Indo-Chinese rice and wheat, when they can get it. In the frequent absence of rice they eat bread, when they can get that. Restaurants serve rice only at certain specified hours of the day, and neighbourhood shops are sold out more often than not. Wheat-adoring Tokyoites now are forming in breadlines for the first time in history.

What is perhaps the ultimate in irony is the fact that no Japanese can go to China unless under arms, on an official mission or on urgent business—and for the latter reason a hard-to-get police permit is required.

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Strange Lull In Air Blitzkrieg

THE STRANGE LULL in German air activity over Britain since Friday night has intrigued British observers. Three reasons are advanced, all speculative, but one or more may have some basis in fact.

Not a little exhausted by four months of continuous day and night raiding over the Channel, Germany may be conserving the strength of her air force for a dramatic new blow against Britain here or in another theatre of war.

Two other reasons find more immediate favour, however.

Probably inter-related, they are the R.A.F.'s eight-hour hammering of Luftwaffe bases in occupied territory on Friday night, and weather conditions on the Continent.

It is the first time that the main weight of the R.A.F.'s night blitz has been directed against aerodromes from which the Luftwaffe raids London, and more recently, English ports and industrial towns.

In the past these have been attacked only when British bomber crews have been unable to locate their primary targets.

Severe Cold

The daring with which the new offensive was carried out may have combined with poor visibility near the ground and severe cold at high levels to "ground" the Luftwaffe on Saturday night for the first time since August 7.

German crews returning from the latest raid on Bristol were faced with the perilous task of landing on flare paths heavily plastered with high explosive bombs.

It is reasonably certain there were crashes and casualties.

Smashing Attack

Reports of another smashing R.A.F. attack on Saturday night on Nazi industrial targets — and raids on more enemy aerodromes — were read in London yesterday as the capital debated whether it would experience its third successive night without bombs after the black-out.

Up to noon yesterday only one German reconnaissance plane was sighted. — *Reuter*.

PIPELINE ARREST

The arrest of a man by Water Works Inspector A. M. Thomson at King's Park Reservoir, above Waterloo Road, possibly prevented the disruption of the water supply in the vicinity on Saturday. It was stated before Major A. N. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning, when Lu Yau, 22, was sentenced to three months' hard labour for damaging the water piping.

Accused who admitted having returned to the Colony after being expelled last month, was given a further six weeks for this offence.

District Inspector A. Wright, who prosecuted, asked the Magistrate to take a very serious view as accused might have cut through the pipe and disrupted the water supply.

OLD OFFENDER

With 15 previous convictions, Wong Ka-yau, 39, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon this morning for stealing a canvas car-cover from the garage of Captain R. J. Bouney at No. 146, Argyle Street yesterday.

ROBBED OF WALLET

Leo Lai-hoi, walking yesterday in Queen's Road, Central, near Wing On Street, was robbed of a wallet, containing \$207, from his jacket pocket.

Quarantine restrictions imposed by the port of Shanghai against arrivals from Hong Kong on account of cholera have been removed.

EURASIA PILOT AND CAMERA

A pilot employed by the Eurasia Aviation Corporation, Mr. Chan Wang-ka, 28, who was walking with his wife in Waterloo Road on Saturday, had a camera seized by the police.

Before Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon this morning, Mrs. Chan appeared on behalf of her husband to answer a charge of possessing a camera in a prohibited area.

A 24 hours' remand was granted for the police to develop the film.

The police indicated that since Mr. Chan had left the Colony for Chungking, they had no objection to his wife appearing for him.

Mr. Himsworth also remanded Ho Yu-ming, 25, for 24 hours, on \$25 bail, for a similar offence.

Ho was found with a camera at Hau Wong Temple on Saturday afternoon.

MOSCOW LOOKS AT ALBANIA

Italy's difficulties in the war with Greece are the subject of long articles in the Moscow newspapers yesterday.

One says there is no doubt the Greeks have gained considerable successes and adds that Italian aims in Greece demand a great number of men and a great deal of material.

"Red Star," organ of the Soviet Army, declares the Italians are encountering difficulties in the transfer of troops to Albania.

It adds the British Navy has been unable to establish control of the Adriatic owing to submarines, although it now dominates the Aegean, thereby isolating the Dodecanese Islands. — *Reuter*.

RUMOURS DENIED

"It is absolutely without foundation," declared Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, Immigration Officer, this morning concerning rumours alleging that three employees in the Immigration Department had been dismissed for a breach of the Department regulations.

Mr. Forrest, nevertheless, indicated that severe measures would be adopted in the event of such cases arising.

UNARMED COMBAT ---IT'S CALLED

THE ARMY is being taught "unarmed combat" — and it's very rough. When the Germans invaded Norway and Holland and Belgium, the defenders could hardly tell friend from foe, and many were overpowered by surprise attack.

So the British soldier is to be trained to defend himself against this sort of thing even when he is unarmed.

For this purpose the Army has built up a system of training which makes use of the best (or worst) tricks of the orthodox wrestling styles, of the boxing ring and of the "rough-house." The result, as demonstrated at a physical training centre in the Southern Command, is something very much to be avoided.

There are weapons less fearsome than the bare hands of a sergeant-major instructor, who threw men about as though they were dolls.

"Unarmed combat" is no affair of taboos and niceties of behaviour. Kicking, gouging, biting — all these it permits against a foe who knows no rules.

While two instructors were locked in mimic fight, an expert said: "War is always a matter of life and death even between unarmed men. So against the sort

of opponent we have to face we cannot afford to have any scruples about the methods we use.

Such things as kicking and gouging are detestable to us. But we must learn to use them against the Hun — and we must use them without a tremor."

A Pretty Throw

As he spoke, one of the instructors sprang head-over-heels and landed on his back. The other pounced upon him and held him fast.

"A very pretty throw," commented the expert, "and very nicely judged. A little misjudgment and we might have had a broken collar-bone then."

"Unarmed combat," the Army says, gives a man self-confidence and initiative, and teaches him to acquire himself as a soldier even although he finds himself in the most desperate of situations.

As, for instance, unarmed facing an enemy charging with fixed bayonet.

Then the answer, it seems, is a swift movement made up of a duck, a parry and a twisting of the rifle in the enemy's hands.

As performed by the demonstrators it lays the enemy on his back in a second.

There is a neat trick of stalling and silently overpowering a sentry; another of using the tin hat as a weapon of offence.

As instructors leave the centre, so unarmed combat will be introduced to the ranks.

GENERAL ABE'S RESIGNATION

Mr. Kumataro Honda, former Japanese Ambassador to Germany, has been appointed Ambassador to the Nanking regime in succession to General Nabuyuki Abe, who has resigned, according to Wang Ching-wei's Central Press Service today. — *Reuter*.

DUSSELDORF BLASTED

PRELIMINARY REPORTS OF THE R.A.F. RAID ON DUSSELDORF ON SATURDAY NIGHT SHOW IT WAS AS HEAVY AND DESTRUCTIVE AS THE ATTACK ON THE CITY LAST WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

Visibility was good and pilots had no difficulty in recognising the targets — blast furnaces, steel works, gas works, railway yards and the inland port.

Roofs caved in under the weight of bombs and explosions tore walls of several steel works wide open.

One experienced crew said "the largest fires they had ever seen" were blazing.

One of Wednesday's targets included an armaments factory.

Ports Battered

Meanwhile details of the R.A.F.'s raid on the French Atlantic ports of Brest and Lorient on Saturday night, when the Luftwaffe was "grounded" for the first time since the opening of the blitz, were issued in London last night.

Brest underwent the most severe battering so far.

At the outset fires were started around the naval school and there followed a vast explosion at the power station.

Like A Forge

One observer described the scene as like a huge blacksmith's forge from which rose showers of what looked like hot metal, mingled with debris of shattered buildings.

Incendiaries and high explosives fell on infantry and naval barracks and buildings in between. — Reuter

Intense Barrage

The dry dock at Brest was among other targets bombed.

The attacks, from which one aircraft did not return, were carried out through an intense barrage of anti-aircraft fire. Many shells burst so close that the cabins of aircraft were brilliantly illuminated.

During the raid on Lorient fifteen fires were counted in one part of the naval station alone, around the dry dock.

Other objectives included shipbuilding yards and ordnance works. Fires were also started close to U-boat refueling wharves. — British Wireless.

GULLIBLE WATCHMAN

CHAN KAM-WAN, 23, WAS CHARGED BEFORE MR. G. T. LOWRY THIS MORNING, WITH IMPERSONATING A POLICE OFFICER, AND WITH OBTAINING AN OVERCOAT BY FALSE PRETENCES.

According to Detective-Sergeant Bentley, defendant searched a pedestrian, Wan Ngau, at noon on Saturday and said he was a police constable. Later the same day, he approached a District Watchman (No. 85) and borrowed his overcoat, explaining that he needed it as he was working with Detective Chief Inspector M. Murphy that night. Defendant was given the coat, and was not seen again until yesterday, when he was arrested.

Defendant was formerly a police constable in Canton, and had been working as a watchman in Prince's Building. He lost his employment some six months ago.

Sentence of one month's hard labour was imposed.

SHOPLIFTER AT SINCERE'S

Kwok Kwan, 23, cookboy, was bound over by Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, for stealing three tennis balls from the Sincere Company yesterday.

Sub-Inspector W. L. Clarke said that defendant was seen with the balls in his possession. When questioned, he ran out of the shop but was caught after a long chase.

LIGHT BOMBS ON LONDON

AS A RULE NAZI RAIDERS ARE USING LIGHT CALIBRE BOMBS IN THEIR ATTACKS ON LONDON.

Of the thousands of bombs which have been dropped, by far the greater number range in weight from 25 to 100 pounds. A small percentage are of the 250 pounds calibre.

A few "thousand pounder" which have been dropped in docks are believed to be the heaviest type Germany possesses. They are, however, regarded by experts as uneconomical, and Germany has few aircraft capable of carrying them.

There is a general impression that Germany is using the smaller type of bombs primarily with a view to causing as much fright and inconvenience as possible to civilian population and industrial workers over a wide area.

STILL OPEN — DESPITE BOMB

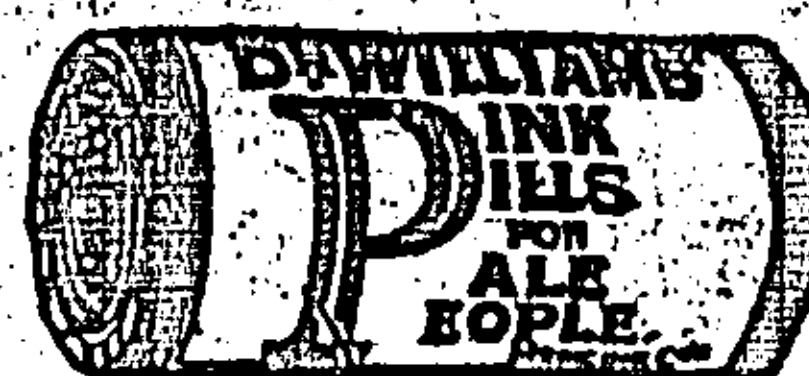
"Established 1628 — still open," so runs a notice outside bomb damaged premises in a S.E. district.



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The vessel is of the Shelter Deck type designed for a carrying capacity of 9,000 tons and fitted with Diesel Machinery.

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The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

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Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1-Box (Tel. 21920).

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By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 9th Dec., 1940.

BRIDGE NOTES

REFUSING A FINESSE

By The Four Aces

To-day's hand is really pretty elementary, but we happened to see a pretty good player "muff" it, so there must be more point to it than we think:

South, Dealer
East-West vulnerable

♠ K 10 8 5
♥ Q J 8 4 3
♦ 7 6 4
♣ Q

♠ A 4
♥ 10 9
♦ K 8 5 3 2
♣ 10 8 7 3

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♠ 7 6 2
♥ A K 5
♦ J 10 9
♣ J 6 5 2

♠ Q J 9 3
♥ 7 6 2
♦ A Q
♣ A K 9 4

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the Ace of trumps and continued with his other trump. South winning with the nine. Declarer then led a heart, West played the ten, and East took his King. When East returned the Jack of diamonds, South made the mistake of finessing.

And there, of course, went the game, for another heart trick had to be lost. South's excuse was that he thought the hearts were badly split.

That, of course, was entirely beside the point. If the hearts were badly split — that is, if three heart losers were unavoidable — the contract was unmakeable. But South was not vulnerable and had not been doubled, so his proper course was to disregard the risk of being set two tricks in order to preserve the best chance for the contract.

South's correct play is to put up the diamond Ace, cash the club Queen, get back to his own hand by drawing East's last trump, and discard dummy's diamonds on the Ace and King of clubs. Then another heart lead establishes dummy's suit and the rest is easy.

Saturday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ K Q 5 2
♥ A 7 5
♦ 4 3 2
♣ 8 6 4

The bidding:

Maler	Jacoby	Schenken	You
Pass	1♥	Pass	(?)

ANSWER: Bid two hearts. You can't be sure whether your hand is worth one or two responses. The raise will give your partner a chance to indicate whether or not he has a good hand.

Score 100% for two hearts; 60% for one spade; 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 584

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ 4
♥ Q 5 3 2
♦ Q 6 5 4
♣ Q 7 5 4

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	Maler	You
1NT	2♠	Pass	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer

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A real optimist is the man who thinks he can get through a traffic jam without getting a creased fender.

LONDON'S SPIRIT IS UNBROKEN

Londoners are "hopping mad, but are showing no signs of defeatism." That is the message a correspondent (quoted by Reuter) sent to New York.

For nights now the Nazi vengeance raiders have tried to break the spirit of London. And they have failed—dismally.

Londoners have set their teeth; they can grin and bear it. In their thousands they waited patiently at suburban stations to find out what facilities were available to take them to business.

No matter how packed were railway carriages, it always seemed possible to make room for one more. In many London streets a great army trooped on foot to office and workshop.

Communal Vehicles

Sometimes they paused to catch a glimpse of heaped debris that was once a building. Then they passed on.

For the most part, trains were running from the outer suburbs of points within reach of the centre of London, the from these workers had to devise their own means of transport.

The majority walked, and those who remembered byways which were discovered during the general strike fourteen years ago reaped the advantage, for they were able to get away from traffic hold-ups and keep clear of the busier routes. Some hired taxis, but as the demand far exceeded the supply parties were often formed of those going to a certain area, and the

REFUGEES DON'T MIND THE RAIDS

French, Belgian and Dutch refugees in London are not as a rule much alarmed by the air raids.

These, they say, are nothing to what they have endured in their own countries. Not because the scale of the raids is not considerable, but because our defence is so powerful.

In their own countries the Nazis did as they pleased because there was no effective defence. There they watched with utter helplessness the spectacle of the German dive-bombers bombing and machine-gunning terrorised crowds.

Confidence in Barrage

"It is so different in London," they say. By day, most of the raiders are kept away; those which do reach the capital have to keep height and clear off at full speed from our fighters.

By night the terrific barrage gives the refugees the confidence they never knew at home.

To that confidence is added the resolution of Londoners and the development of shelter protection already far surpassing anything these exiles had in their homelands.

MOTHERS ANNOYED

After leaving two of her children in the United States and the other two in Canada for the duration, Mrs. Ruth Drummond, of Bedford, is returning to England to help beat Hitler.

"We have another two months of hard work, and then we'll start pushing them back," said Mrs. Drummond before she left Trenton, New Jersey.

"We're prepared to live in the ruins of our houses," she declared.

"They can't break our spirit. We're angry."

Mrs. Drummond has left Ivor, aged seven, and Lucille, six, to the care of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Gould, magazine editors, of Trenton.

Commissioner Host

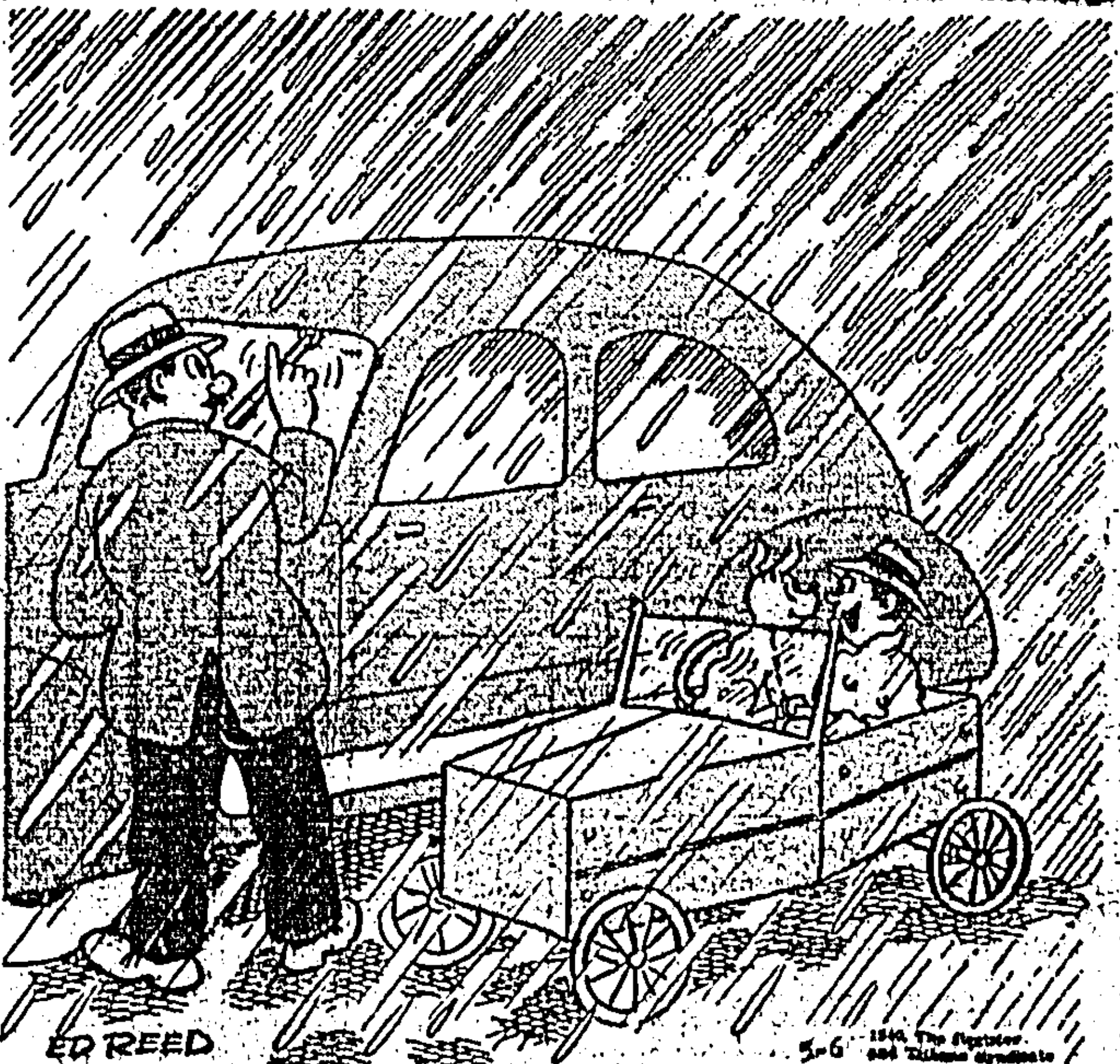
Her other two children, Anne, aged eleven, and Elizabeth, aged nine, are the guests of Mrs. Iris Leeming, Girl Guide Commissioner, in Toronto.

vehicle was shared on a communal basis.

Because of the unusually heavy pressure, buses, taxis and cars were only able to crawl down the Strand and Fleet Street at what is normally the peak period. The congestion was made worse because the raids had affected Covent Garden.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



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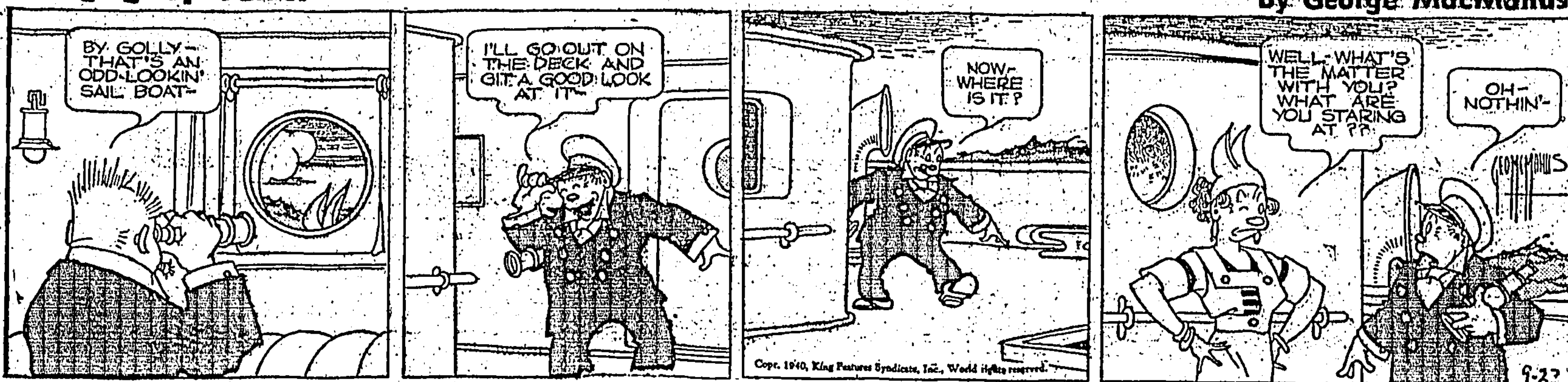
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

A Golliwog

You can knit this cuddly toy in an evening for a tiny's Christmas stocking

Any small child would be delighted to find this cuddly golliwog sticking out of the top of an exciting looking stocking on Christmas Day. He's quite easy to make, being designed in plain knitting; in fact, his little woolly body could be made in an evening.

Then all there is to do is to stuff him firmly with cottonwool and sew him up.

Material required.—1oz. red wool for pullover, 1oz. sky blue for trousers, 1oz. dark blue for head, small quantity of white wool, 1 pair No. 10 Statnoid knitting needles.

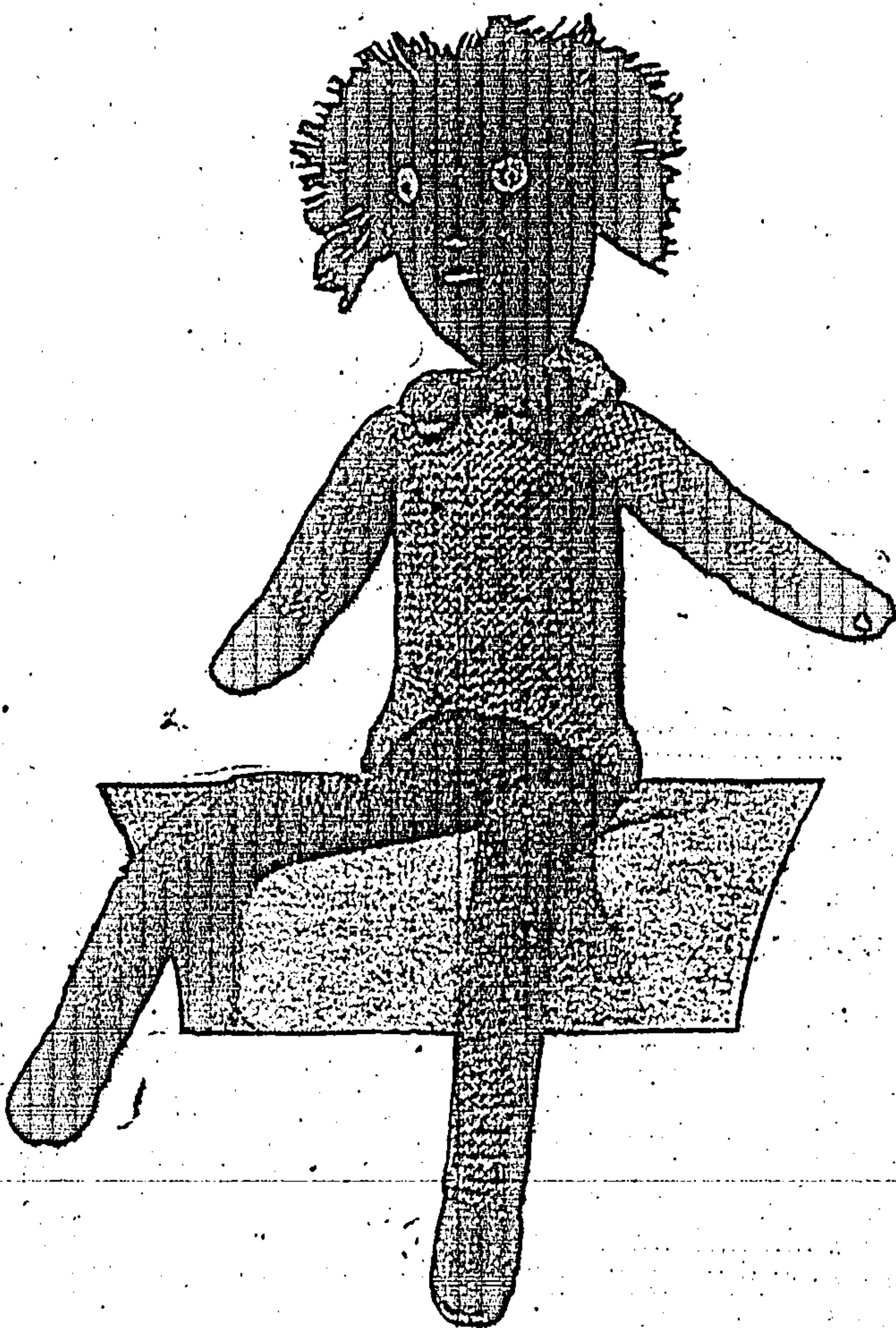
Red Pullover

BACK.—Cast on 30 sts. in red wool and knit 5½ in. in garter st. Cast on 20 sts. at beginning of the next two rows for sleeves.

Knit 2 in. Then cast off 7 sts. at beginning of next two rows, and 14 sts. at beginning of the 2 following rows. Knit one row, cast off 28 sts.

FRONT.—Cast on 6 sts., knit 1 row. At beginning of next row cast on 1 st., next row knit. Repeat these two rows until there are 18 sts. on needle. Break except that 23 sts. must be cast off instead of 14 for the last two rows.

Work another piece to correspond, therefore finally cast off 10, then knit across the two sts.



He's sure of a welcome in his red pullover and sky blue trousers.

Eyes Bright

HERE are some complaints which have been cropping up regularly lately: "Eyes somehow feel smaller"; "lids crepey and discoloured"; "tired-looking eyes"; "lashes poor and dropping out a lot."

They're all cases of "war-eyes." Nervous strain shows more quickly round the eyes than on any other part of the face.

If there's pain or serious inflammation you should consult an oculist, of course. They might be caused by something more complicated than "war eyes." But straightforward cases of this kind can be dealt with quite simply.

First, the eyes need baths in a good lotion. Exercises, too, are essential, and as they can be done at any time during the day and almost anywhere we can all manage to fit them in.

You'll find a daily eye-mask treatment a great comfort, also. Ten minutes of it freshens the nerves up wonderfully.

And now to do away with the outward evidence of "war-eyes." After bathing the eyes and exercising them, carefully dry the lids.

Then apply to them with a brush a small quantity of an oil which will make up the diminished lubrication to full quota.

Work the oil gently into the lids with the fingers for a few minutes—being careful not to get any into the tear duct opening in the corner of the eye. It's smart, if you do.



Now put a drop of the oil on first finger and thumb and gently pull the eyelashes, beginning at the inner corner of the lid.

On the top lids the movement should be outward and upward; on the lower downward and outward. It's the best treatment possible for them.

Finally, apply a little more oil to the eyelash roots and to the lashes themselves.

The lids will soon become smooth and white, and the lashes will shoot up—thick, silky, long.

I'd advise the use of a little special protective shadow on the lids. You can put it on so that it won't show, if you don't want it to. And it will prevent the oils from drying out during the day.

Sew the shoulders together (back and front) and knit on the end of each sleeve about 1 in. dark blue wool for the hands, decreasing 1 st. each end of the needle. Cast off.

Sky Blue Trousers

Cast on 30 sts. with sky blue wool. Knit 2 in.; then a further inch, decreasing 2 sts. at both sides of each row. There should now be 20 sts. on needle.

Knit for the front of each leg 10 sts. 4 in. long, and 2 in. with dark blue wool for the feet. Cast off.

Repeat the same pattern for the backs of the trousers. Sew the two halves together.

Golly's Head

With dark blue wool, cast on 10 sts. Increase 1 st. at each end of every row until there are 14 sts. Then decrease 1 st. at each end until there are 14 sts. Make another piece the same for the back. Sew both pieces together, but not the neck.

For the hair pull threads of wool of equal length through the seam at the top of the head, and knot.

Sew white buttons on to the face with sky blue wool for the eyes. The nose and mouth are embroidered in red wool.

The Collar

With white wool cast on 40 sts. Decrease 1 st. on every row until there are 12 sts. Cast off.

BOW.—With white wool cast on 20 sts. and knit 2 rows; cast off.

To Make Up.—Stuff the head, pullover and trousers with cotton wool. Sew the pullover on to the head and trousers. Stitch on the collar, make a knot in the bow and stitch it to the collar and the jolly Golliwog is finished.

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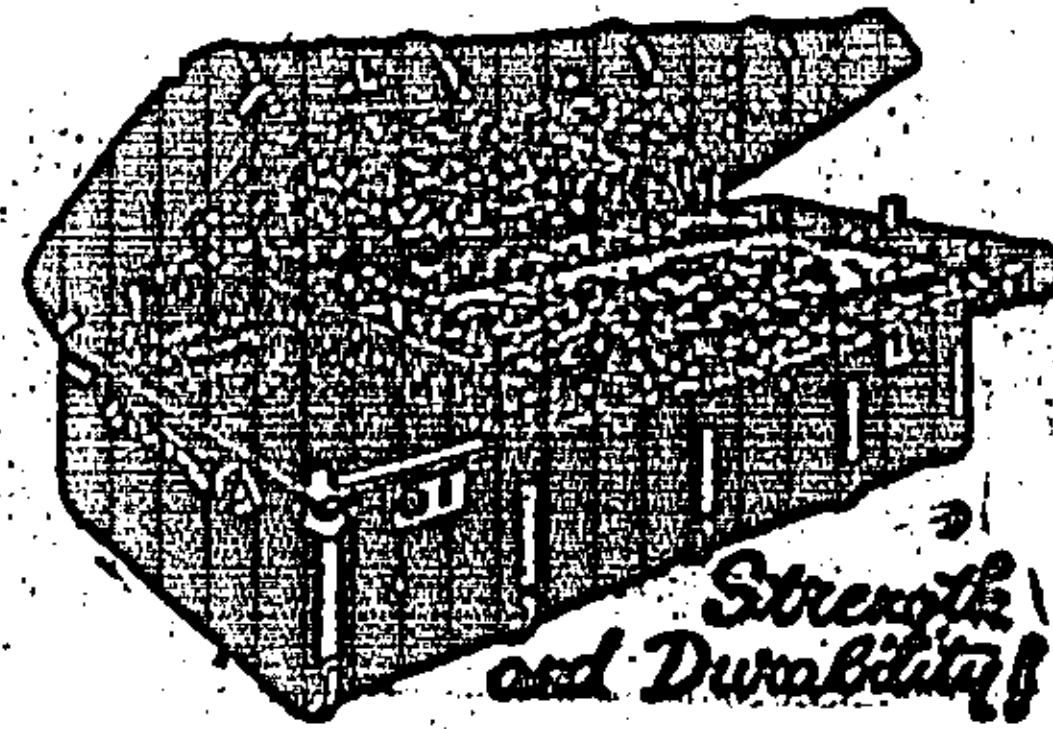
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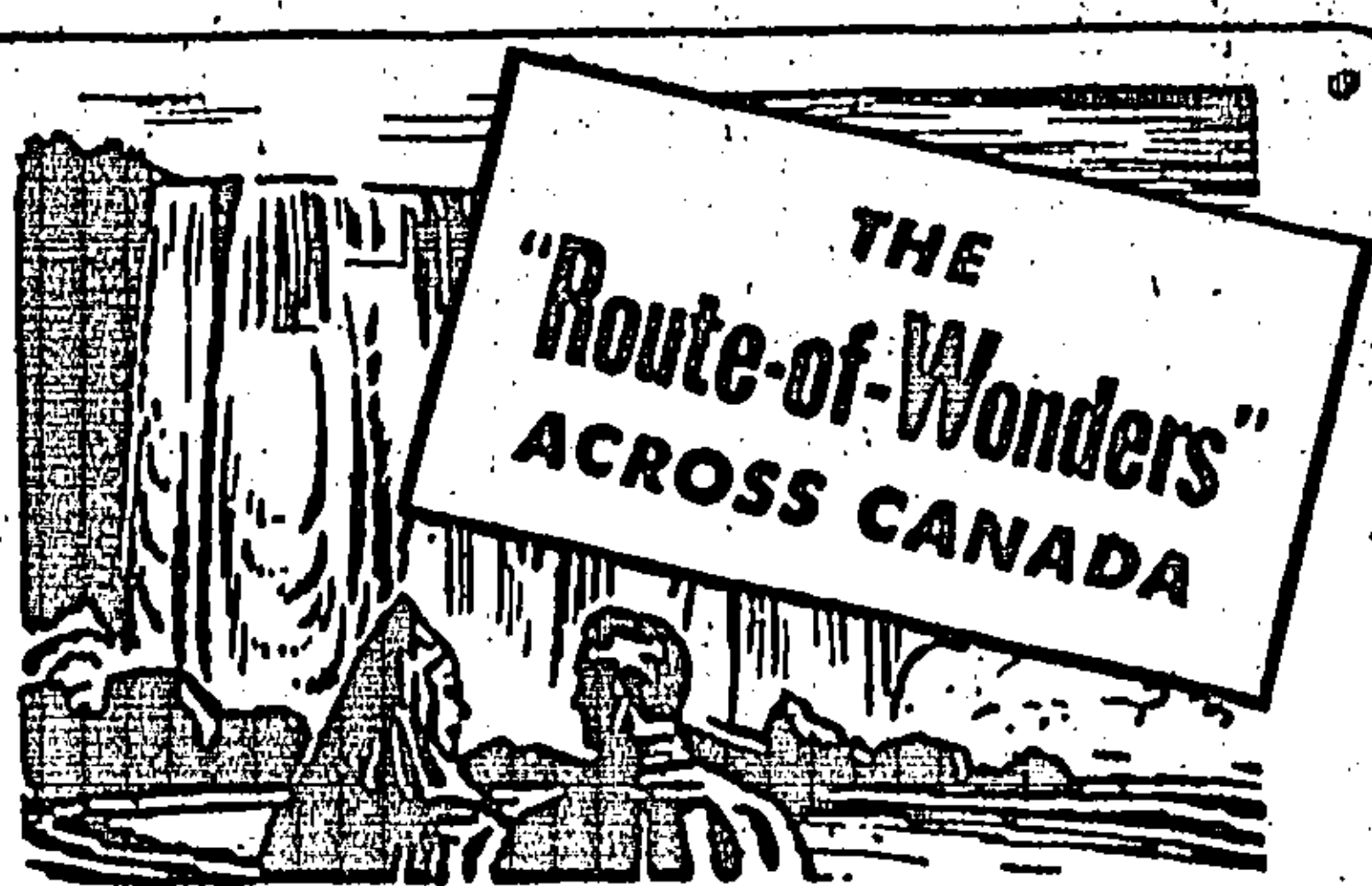
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—The Comedy Harmonists.

12.43 p.m.—Strauss' Waltzes.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Compositions of Gershwin.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Variety, with Ernest Jones; Bing Crosby and the Mills Brothers; Terence Casey and Walsh and Barker.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Selections from Light Opera.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 p.m.—Old Time Variety.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—This week's programmes.

8.07 p.m.—Robinson Cleaver at the Organ.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Hi Gang!"

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 p.m.—Selections from Well Known Ballads.

10.00 p.m.—Dance Music.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.



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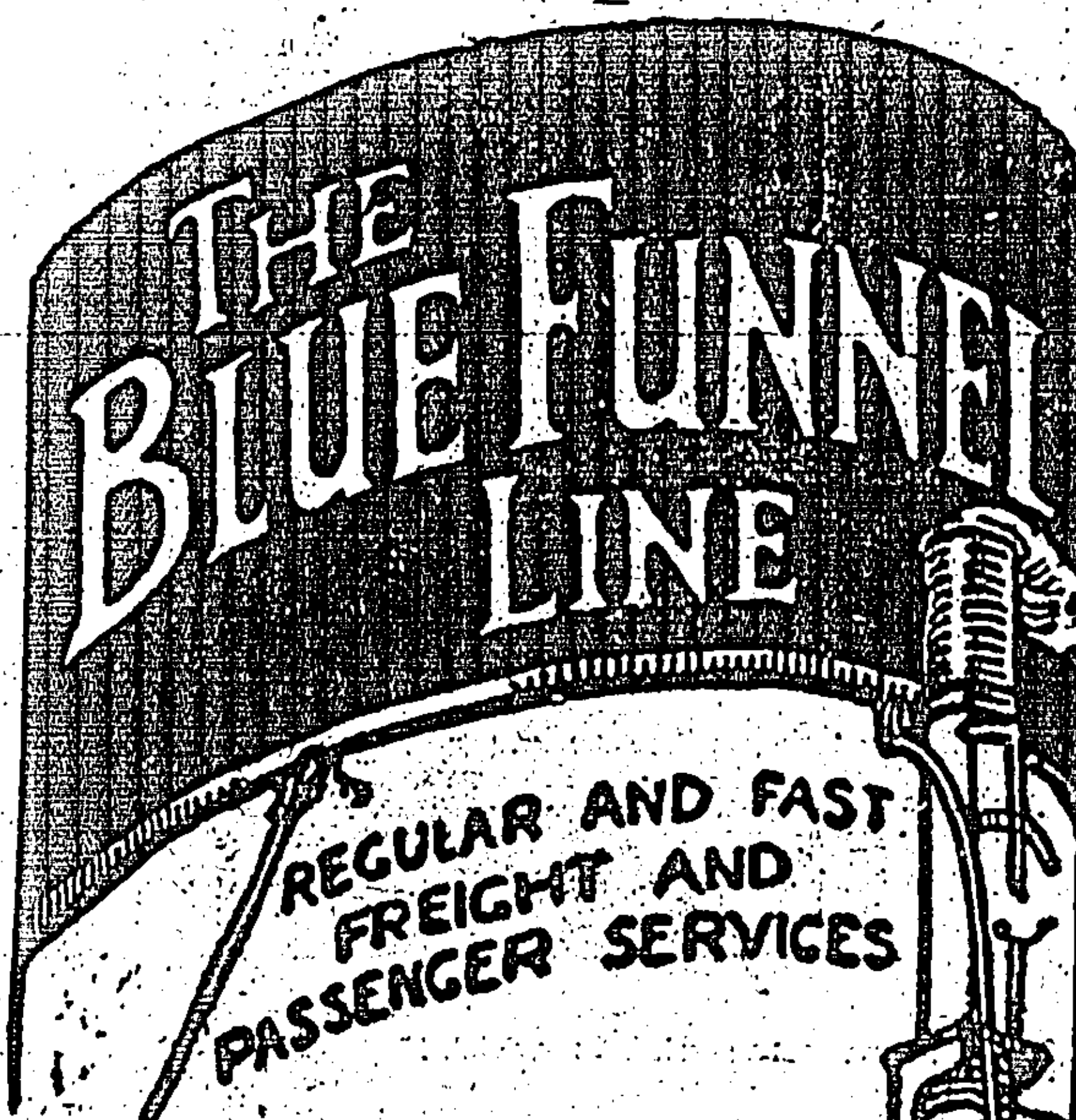
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ANOTHER GRAND RALLY IN CLOSING MINUTES

Sing Tao Score Twice In Last 6 Minutes

Gift Goal Scored By Fung King-cheong

By "Referee"

AFTER OUTPLAYING SING TAO IN THE FIRST HALF, DURING WHICH THEY SCORED TWO GOALS WITHOUT REPLY, EASTERN TOOK THINGS MUCH TOO EASILY IN THE SECOND PERIOD AND PAID THE PENALTY BY BEING FORCED TO A TWO-ALL DRAW, SING TAO STAGING A SENSATIONAL RECOVERY TO SCORE THEIR GOALS IN THE LAST SIX MINUTES OF THE GAME. THEY APPLIED SUCH HEAVY PRESSURE IN THE CLOSING STAGES THAT EASTERN WERE IN DANGER OF DEFEAT WHEN THE FINAL WHISTLE SOUNDED. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT IN THEIR MATCH AGAINST SOUTH CHINA SING TAO ALSO STAGED A SPECTACULAR RALLY IN THE CLOSING MINUTES TO SHARE THE POINTS.

There was no doubt as to the superiority of Eastern in the first half, and also for the greater part of the second period. Only Cheong Wing-choy, in Sing Tao's goal, prevented Eastern from obtaining a bigger lead. He saved two certain goals with clever anticipation and positioning.

Ip Pak-wah and Lau Ting-sang were absent from the Sing Tao team while Lo Wai-kuen was replaced in the Eastern intermediate line by Ng Kee-cheong. Ying Shee came into the back line, partnered by Kong Sing-king.

These changes made little difference to both teams. Lau Tau-man played a fairly good game on the left wing and followed the instructions given him by centring every time he gained possession. Had he used his own initiative more and cut in when opportunity arose, he might have been a bigger threat to the opposing defence. Chui Ah-fai, in the Sing Tao defence, had an off day. He was slow and his passing left much to be desired. Leung Wing-shui, at right half, was also off colour and it was fortunate for Sing Tao that Soong Ling-sing, in the pivotal position, was up to form. Even then he had all his work cut out to cope with the nippy Eastern inside forwards, though in the closing stages of the game he was prominent with some clever feeding and was indirectly responsible for his team sharing the spoils.

Lee's Off Day

Lee Ting-sang had an unhappy afternoon at left back for Sing Tao. He was badly rattled by the fast Chung Yung-sum and Chang Kam-hoi, and was directly responsible for Eastern's first goal, also contributing to the second which followed a foul against Chang.

Fung King-cheong played a lifeless game in the first half and did not seem to have his usual dash. His passing was also at fault and he seemed content in most cases to send the ball to Lau Tau-man or Tang Kwong-sum, the wingers.

Lai and Kwok were just two players in the forward line in the first half. Both could not do any-

thing against the Eastern defence and were very subdued.

The star man of the Eastern team was Hsu King-seng at centre-half. He relieved many a dangerous situation by his tackling and played an extremely calm game even when heavily pressed.

Fine Defensive Game

Ng Kee-cheong, at left half, gave a fine exhibition of defensive play, using his head to the greatest advantage and having Tang Kwong-sum covered throughout.

Few attackers can use the head to greater advantage than Ng, and on his display yesterday he must be seriously considered for the "big" games.

Hui and Tao, in the forward line showed good ball control and often had the Sing Tao defence spreadeagled with their accurate passing and positional play. It was only Cheong Wing-choy who prevented them from scoring.

Hau Ching-tao was a usual dangerous on the left wing. He scored a good goal, and sent in many stinging shots which were saved by Cheong.

Lau Hing-hoi, in Eastern's goal, played a sound game in the first half and for the greater part of the second half. He was unfortunate when he erred in throwing the ball to Fung King-cheong who scored the equalising goal in the closing minutes of the game.

While Eastern appeared to have had the game in hand from the start, they might have pressed home their advantage on several occasions but their forwards, in the second half, slackened. It is to Sing Tao's credit, however, that when all seemed lost, they persevered and earned the point which is valuable to them.

The game started with Eastern pressing and a few minutes from the start Hui placed them in the lead when Lee Ting-sang miskicked. A few minutes later Eastern increased their lead through Hau Ching-tao, who scored following a free kick.

Grand Saves

Cheong Wing-choy then came into the limelight when he saved a goal, from a free kick taken by Hsu, and shortly after, he cleared from the goal line with Hau in close attendance.

At the other end Fung missed with a header when well placed and Kwok just skimmed the cross bar. Lai Shui-wing had a powerful shot smothered.

In the second half Sing Tao were on the defensive for some time but took the initiative late in the game. Lai Shui-wing forced a corner and Lau Tau-man sent in a beautiful shot which was headed in by Kwok who beat Lau all the way.

Heartened by this success Sing Tao applied pressure and forced several corners. Lai Shui-wing broke through but in attempting to steady himself was robbed. The equalising goal came through Fung King-cheong.

Lau Hing-hoi, Eastern's goalkeeper, hard pressed, unfortunate-

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AND GOAL-SCORERS

Following were yesterday football results and goal-scorers.

FIRST DIVISION

Eastern 2 Sing Tao 2
V. K. Hui and Kwok Ying-kee
Hau Ching-to and Fung King-cheong.

SECOND DIVISION

Engineers 8 R. Navy 0
Lee Wai-lam
(4); Fox 2 and
Pelham (2).

THIRD DIVISION

Service Corps 0 24th R.A. 2
Mason and Read.
36th R.A. 1 7th R.A. 0

ly threw the ball to Fung who, with a well-placed kick, sent the leather into the net.
Sing Tao were pressing when the final whistle sounded.

EASTERN—Lau Hing-hoi, Kong Seng-king and Yin See; Lau Tse-chan, Hsu King-seng and Ng Kee-cheong; Chung Yung-sum, Chang Kam-hoi, V. K. Hui, C. T. Tso and Hau Ching-to.

SING TAO—Cheong Wing-choy; Lee Ting-sang and Hau Yung-sang; Leung Wing-chui, Soong Ling-sing and Chui Ah-fai; Tang Kwong-sum, Fung King-cheong, Kwok Ying-kee, Lai Shui-wing and Lau Tau-man.

SATURDAY'S SPORTS

Cricket

Centuries by Lawrence and K. Y. Tam and some fine bowling by Macaulay of Diocesan Boys' School were the features of the week-end cricket programme.

Following were the best individual performances:

BATTING

J. F. Lawrence 100
K. Y. Tam 100
Murray 10
F. E. Lawrence 72
W. H. Colledge 49
G. Hong Choy 46
K. R. West 42

BOWLING

Macaulay 7 for 14
Asome 6 for 45
Carey 5 for 23
Lockhurst 5 for 32
Souza 5 for 68
Brown 4 for 14
M. R. Abbas 4 for 28
S. K. Khan 4 for 37
Eope 4 for 45

Soccer

OUTSTANDING performance in the football League on Saturday was International's victory over Royal Air Force, who thus lost their unbeaten record. Air Force have a useful lead at the head of the table but will have to show better form in the remaining games.

Kwong Wah registered their first win by beating Club by the odd goal in seven. The proceeds of the game will be donated

RECORD GATE

A record attendance, estimated at over 8,000, jammed the Caroline Hill Stadium to full capacity. This figure does not include the "hillside gallery" which was estimated at nearly 3,000. It is learned that the gate receipts were between \$5,100 and \$5,200 which is a record for a League match.

STONOR AND MURRAY IN BIG STAND

A big unbroken partnership between Stonor and Murray which realised 85 runs, gave R.A.P.C. a big win over 12th Hvy. Regiment, R.A., yesterday. Stonor hit seven fours in his 53 not out, and Murray six in his 42 not out. Murray also bowled well.

12TH H.V.

Denton, b Murray 27
Watson, b Murray 12
Gint Singh, b Murray 3
Hosner, c Chalcraft, b Murray 0
Keeble, b Murray 9
Gadd, b Benford 7
Archer, c Peidergast, b Benford 0
Heslop, c Stone, b Pinkney 0
Downes, not out 18
Ingleby, run out 10
Martin, c Murray, b Benford 10
Extras (W2, B15) 17

Total 114

Bowling Analysis

O. M. R. W.
Chalcraft 6 1 28 0
Murray 8 0 33 5
Benford 6 0 23 3
Pinkney 5 0 13 1

R.A.P.C.

Stonor, not out 53
Whitton, b Downes 5
Hemming, l.b.w., b Denton 4
Murray, not out 42
Extras (B11) 11

Total (for 2 wickets) 115

Peidergast, Chalcraft, Benford, Stone, Carden, Pinkney and Smart did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

O. M. R. W.
Denton 11 0 50 1
Downes 7 1 23 1
Ingleby 3 0 31 0

MACAO SWEEPS

Results of the cash sweeps at yesterday's meeting of the Macao Jockey Club were:

Race No. 1
No. 65 \$247.00
.. 421 70.00
.. 107 33.30
Unplaced ponies (\$7.00 each):
Nos. 172, 423, 128, 236.
Race No. 2
No. 240 \$259.50
.. 173 74.10
.. 469 37.10
Unplaced ponies (\$20.00 each):
Nos. 20, 212.
Race No. 3
No. 80 \$291.10
.. 107 83.10
.. 150 41.60
Unplaced ponies (\$23.10 each):
Nos. 140, 4.
Race No. 4
No. 168 \$204.40
.. 222 83.40
.. 104 29.20
Unplaced pony (\$32.40) No. 435.
Race No. 5
No. 10278 \$3,074.43
.. 1224 2,478.40
.. 4209 1,239.20
Unplaced ponies (\$125.17 each):
Nos. 21007, 10739, 13036, 1743, 9109, 22581, 11306, 18376, 10013, 13016, 5244.
Race No. 6
No. 75 \$294.00
.. 17 83.00
.. 140 42.00
Unplaced pony (\$23.30) No. 117.

Full results on page 13

HONG CHOY'S FINE BOWLING

Despite a gallant effort by Hong Choy who took 7 wickets at exactly 9 runs apiece, Engineers lost to Arts & Science by 7 wickets in an inter-Faculty match on the Pokfulam ground yesterday.

The losers batted first but were dismissed for a paltry 58, thanks to some steady bowling by Lo and Cheung.

Losing their first wicket without any runs being scored, Arts & Science recovered somewhat when Mazuza and A. Ahmed put on 25 for the second wicket and the required runs were knocked off after only three wickets had fallen, the scores being:

ENGINEERS

G. Hong Choy, b Mazuza 0
K. S. Lien, b Lo 2
Lee Hon Fung, c and b Matthews 15
F. W. Kuan, b Lo 4
Lam Yui Tack, b Lo 0
W. H. Fung, b Matthews 22
Ho Hon-fah, b Cheung 6
V. Vorobloff, b Cheung 0
B. W. Henkin, b Cheung 0
Hukam Singh, not out 0
Tso Fao-sing, run out 0
Extras (B5, W4) 9

Total 58

Bowling Analysis

O. M. R. W.
Mazuza 2 0 8 1
Lo 4 0 17 3
Cheung 3.4 0 10 3
Matthews 4 1 14 2

ARTS & SCIENCE

A. Ho, b Hong Choy 0
A. Ahmed, b Hong Choy 14
F. Mazuza, b Hong Choy 26
B. Ahmed, b Hong Choy 1
O. V. Cheung, b Hong Choy 10
K. Lee, b Hong Choy 15
I. H. V. Kerr, b Hong Choy 2
L. Sung, c and b Lee 4
K. Lo, b Fong 14
T. C. Park, b Lee 4
C. N. Matthews, not out 25
Extras (B3, LB3, W1) 12

Total 127

Bowling Analysis

O. M. R. W.
Hong Choy 12 0 63 7
Fong 4 1 17 1
Lee 0.5 1 28 2
Ho 2 0 7 0

Competition between the "Stay-puts" and "Sent Aways" at C.S.C. is getting so keen that there are prospects of a football match being arranged between the two sides. It has been suggested that this game be held on the "morning after" the Xmas Eve celebrations!

Lieut. Ansari, who has kept wicket for Army 2nd XI in a few of their cricket matches, has decided that owing to lack of facilities for practice, he will not be playing any more cricket this season. It is a pity as he was just getting used to the light here.

The two Pile brothers, Tommy and Chris, met in the final of the billiards championship of the P.O. Club recently. Tom winning by a narrow margin. The snooker tournament at this club is just under way.



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Webb And Tropp Bat Well For Losers

Steady K.C.C. Bowling And Keen Fielding

By "Adrem"

Poor batting by the losers, fair bowling on the part of the Kowloon Cricket Club trundlers, and keen fielding, gave Kowloon Cricket Club an easy seven-wicket victory over Army in a friendly whole-day cricket match at Cox's Road yesterday.

Kowloon's bowling was steady enough, and the "dunce's" Cap was not produced once in the course of the game, but for the most part Army batsmen had only themselves to blame for their poor showing.

Logan flicked a fast long-hop from Francis Zimmermann straight into the safe hands of Teddy Fincher at third slip early on and Bateman, who was shaping promisingly, called for a foolish run and was run out to start a rot which a partnership between Webb and Tropp partially redeemed but nevertheless Army were all out just before lunch for 92.

Lloyd Bowls Well

Zimmermann met with scant success in his first spell, when he took one wicket at a cost of 21 runs, but he improved in his second spell to take 3 for 11 and finish with 4 for 32. Although only taking one wicket, Lloyd was the best bowler on the side, his fighting keeping the batsmen in difficulties.

Curtis took three wickets, including that of Major Grose, but his analysis of 3 for 21 was definitely flattering!

Tropp played a gallant innings for Army, never indulging in anything spectacular but revealing a solid defence when defensive play was necessary and coming effectively with the loose stuff when the occasion presented itself. Webb was aggressive and was always looking for the loose ball.

K.C.C. had scored 18 runs when Anderson, who was shaping confidently, was brilliantly taken in the slips by Logan, who shot out his left hand to hold a quick chance.

Winning Partnership

Ernie Fincher's was the next wicket to fall, French securing it via the l.b.w. route with 35 runs on the board. Hung, who had been batting stolidly, was then joined by Mackay and when the former was caught by Tropp off Fergus, Kowloon's total was only five short of their opponents', and these runs were secured without further loss, the winning run coming as the result of a wide bowled by Fergus.

Hung had a five (four overthrows) and three boundaries in his 33, and Mackay hit six fours in his 29 not out.

Fergus bowled steadily for the Soldiers and was always difficult

The serious part of the match was finished by 3.30 and both sides then batted for an hour each. Army scoring 139 for 8 and K.C.C. 140 for 7. The cricket at this stage, however, was not very clever as one of the provisions was that no bowler who had performed in the opening part of the match, was allowed to bowl again.

ARMY	
L/Cpl. C. Logan, c E. C. Fincher, b Zimmermann	0
Capt. J. F. Lawrence, l.b.w., b Lloyd	0
Pte. Bateman, run out	1
Sgt. Webb, c Rapley, b Anderson	27
Spr. Tropp, not out	24
Major D. C. E. Grose, b Curtis	1
Capt. Fielden, b Curtis	0
Sgt. Denyer, b Zimmermann	18
Sgt. French, c Curtis, b Zimmermann	1

2/Lt. B. A. Fergus, b Zimmermann	0
Spr. Bailey, l.b.w., b Curtis	3
Extras (B16)	15

Total			
Bowling Analysis			
	O.	M.	R.
F. R. Zimmermann	8	1	32
Lloyd	6	1	21
Anderson	2	0	0
Curtis	4	0	21

KOWLOON C.C.			
D. J. N. Anderson, c Logan, b Fergus	15		
D. Hung, c Tropp, b Fergus	33		
E. F. Fincher, l.b.w., b French	10		
N. A. E. Mackay, not out	29		
A. Zimmermann, not out	5		
Extras (WB1)	1		
Total (for 3 wks.)			
F. R. Zimmermann, E. C. Fincher, W. L. Rapley, N. D. Lloyd, S. A. Gray and E. Curtis did not bat.	93		

YESTERDAY'S SOFTBALL RESULTS

GIRLS	
Wildcats 29, Chung Hwa 3.	
Cardinals 42, Las Florinas 6.	
Canuckettes 11, Panthers 2.	
MEN	
First Division	
St. Joseph's 5, Canucks 2.	
H.K. Baseball Club 7, Ch. B.C. 8.	
Second Division	
Royal Engineers 2, V.R.C. 18.	
Central British 6, R.A. 7.	
INTER-HONG	
Lucas 8, Greensports 3.	
Texaco 4, Shell 20.	

Bowling Analysis			
	O.	M.	R.
Fergus	7	7	24
Tropp	1	0	6
French	6	2	14
Bateman	4	1	13
Denyer	2	0	30
Fielden	1	0	5

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FLY-HALF HOLD-UP IN BOTH TEAMS

By "SCRUM-HALF"

With Carter at fly-half, Navy would probably have beaten the seriously weakened Club team in the Quadrangular Rugby Tournament on Saturday—it will be recalled that Navy were the only team to beat Club in the Triangular Tournament last season.

O'Riordan lacked the necessary initiative for a successful fly-half, and it was here that the Navy attack fell down, despite inspired support by the pack.

Morgan played extremely well at scrum-half, but Club missed Thomson's enterprise so badly that they were almost beaten before the game started. They had their opportunities, but Altkenhead had an off day at fly-half, and their fast wingers were sadly neglected. Club forwards also struck a poor patch and were unconvincing.

Army made short work of Police, despite fielding a greatly depleted fifteen, and their chances of winning the Tournament are now very good.

ITALIAN SUPPLY SHIPS BOMBED OFF ALBANIAN COAST

CARNARVON CASTLE IN URUGUAY

Ambulances sent to remove wounded from the armed merchant cruiser Carnarvon Castle when she arrived in Montevideo proved unnecessary as the injured, most of them only slightly hurt, are remaining on board.

Captain Hardy, commanding Carnarvon Castle, told Reuter the dead were buried at sea.

It is understood Captain Hardy has requested permission to remain 48 hours in Montevideo, in accordance with International Law, to carry out repairs.

The Uruguayan naval authorities are believed to have recommended permission for a stay of 72 hours.

Members of the crew of the Carnarvon Castle were wildly cheered as they went ashore.—Reuter.

ITALIAN POST BOMBARDED

British artillery in the Sudan hammered away at Italian positions on Saturday.

Loud explosions were heard following what is described in an official communique in Cairo as a "successful shoot" on enemy positions east of Metamma. British guns were also active in

DIRECT HIT ON STERN

A DIRECT HIT on the stern of one ship and many near misses were observed by the crews of R.A.F. bombers which are officially stated to have attacked Italian shipping off the Albanian coast on Saturday.

A raid was carried out on Valona in bad weather conditions and against heavy enemy fighter opposition.

All bombs fell in the target area but the results could not be observed.

New Italian air losses were recorded in an R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

One fighter among strong patrols trying to defend Valona in the R.A.F. raid was shot down.

It is now confirmed that of three Italian bombers which attempted to raid Bura, in Kenya, on November 22, only one escaped from British fighters.

One bomber, it is now established, made a forced landing 60 miles from Bura.

Four of the crew were captured and the fifth was killed.

The second bomber was shot down in flames.

Various reconnaissance flights were carried out over enemy territory on all fronts, besides the raids on Saturday on shipping off the Albanian coast and on Valona.—Reuter.

the area north of Kassala. On other fronts there is no change in the situation to report, the communique adds.—Reuter.

BRITISH DEALINGS WITH SPAIN

Further British assistance to Spain was announced yesterday.

Following the signing of a financial agreement, Britain is granting facilities for the shipment of 6,000 tons of manganese ore to Spain, 3,000 tons of which, badly needed for Spain's steel industry, will be sent from India.

The same ship has been authorised to carry a large quantity of jute for Spain.

Britain has purchased Spain's entire crop of bitter oranges and negotiations are now proceeding for a large purchase of sweet oranges.

Britain is also studying the possibility of making a large quantity of wheat available to Spain and it is likely that difficulties which have arisen over the export of seed potatoes from England and Eire will be overcome.—Reuter.

MACAO FIXES RICE PRICES

Following the example set by the Hong Kong Government, the Macao authorities issued an order on Saturday stabilising the prices of different grades of rice.—Our Own Correspondent.

NAZI PLUNDER IN FRANCE

GERMANY'S PLUNDERING OF FRANCE'S ROLLING STOCK HAS LED TO MOST OF THE TRANSPORT DIFFICULTIES VICHY IS ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT.

A Vichy broadcast yesterday urged industrialists not to delay in the handling of rolling stock. There is to be a premium for handling rolling stock on Sundays

MORE SHIPS FOR FRENCH FREE NAVY

More warships will shortly be put into commission for the Free French Navy, it was stated in London yesterday.

These and a number of destroyers, torpedo-boats, submarines, minelayers, minesweepers and patrol boats were inspected by General de Gaulle in naval bases in England.

General de Gaulle also visited a training ship used as the naval academy of the Free French Fleet where future officers are trained.

General de Gaulle congratulated Vice-Admiral Muselier, Commander-in-Chief of the Free French Navy, on the work already done and the good spirit shown by officers and crew.—Reuter.

and holidays and also for slow handling.

The broadcast said that transport was the key to France's problem of food supplies and raw materials — but did not mention that Germany has seized over half of France's rolling stock.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Complaints against rice retailers for charging or attempting to charge prices in excess of those fixed by the Food Controller have, the "China Mail" learns, been produced against the importers.

Retailers allege that the importers are quoting rates (and refuse to lower them) which do not permit retailers to purchase and re-sell at Government's fixed prices.

WEATHER FORECAST:—North-east winds, fresh; fair.

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WHOLESALE PEIPING ARRESTS

The Japanese authorities in Peiping have arrested a large number of persons during a week's house to house search for the murderer of a Japanese colonel last Friday.

Among those arrested, according to Chinese reports, are some policemen stated to have been actually present at the time of the murder.

Questioned why they did not attempt to capture the assassin, the police replied they were armed and could not do anything.

They are reported to have been severely beaten by the Japanese, and some are said to have died from injuries.

Chinese Mutiny

Other Chinese quarters ascribe the unrelaxed restrictions on leaving the city and the continued house to house searches to the hunt for Chinese soldiers who mutinied last week.

Some of these men are believed to have taken refuge within the city.—Reuter.

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